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PREFACE.

That there are undiscovered documents regarding the property and activities of THEODORUS EBY, the Swiss Mennonite, who arrived in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 1712, and his sons, daughters and sons-in-law, there is no question. Far from being an exhaustive report, the present publication will point to the clues which may lead some more resourceful and more persistent investigator to the unearthing of these undiscovered manuscripts.

Four factors render research work in this field exceedingly difficult. First, the habit of settling estates privately among the heirs in case of death. The Eby family has continued this habit even to the present day.

Second. The habit of not recording deeds in the County Courthouse. In one case under investigation, the patent was issued in 1739, and is to be found among Old Rights in Harrisburg. This patent, and all the deeds and transfers from 1739 to the present date, were shown me by the present owner, not one document having been placed on record at Lancaster. Attorneys inform me that this is the usual not not the exceptionally procedure with a large number of substantial property owners.

Third. Carelessness on the part of the early surveyors. It is impossible to harmonize or reconcile the early surveys with the facts. When large tracts of land have been subdivided, only an approximation can be attempted.

Fourth. Shifting of the roads and shifting of the courses of streams render identification difficult.

That other tracts of land were surveyed for THEODORUS EBY, and that other mills were built by him and his sons, in addition to those here included, appears evident from these clues.

The petition for a road filed at West Chester, May 31, 1726, requess that the road pass DORSE EBYS MILL. This petition is reproduced in this book. The report of the survey of this road, August 23d, 24th, 25th and 26th, 1726, is filed at West Chester, and reproduced on this report. By studying this report of survey, it is evident that the distance from where the road first enters the land of TORIS EBIS to the mill of TORIS EBIS is 530 perches, or more than a mile and a half. Did this road of 1726 run for one and one-half miles on the land of THEODORUS EBY? Or did he have two tracts of land? And where did the road surveyed in 1726 cross Mill Creek? In some farmhouse may be found the unrecorded deeds and documents to solve these problems. And with regard to the mills built by THEODORUS EBY and his sons, pioneer millwrights of Lancaster County, documentary evidence may be quietly resting in several farmhouses. H. Frank Eshleman, Attorney, of Lancaster City, has made an exhaustive study of the early roads of Lancaster County and has published his results in a "History of Lancaster County Highway System from 1714 to 1760, and Map." The amount of research work represented by this publication is prodigious. Of its accuracy, considering the approximation of the early surveys, there can be no question.

On the map which he has constructed to demonstrate the course of the early highways this road of 1726, that passed by the mill of DORSE EBYS, crosses Mill Creek approximately two miles BELOW the Earl Township line.

By tracing the chain of title to the 307 acres surveyed to DORIS EBYS, August 24, 1724, we find that the ownership of the mill site passed through three generations of the Eby family, three generations of the Rhine family, two generations of the Roland family, at present belongs to the Hoover family, and lies at the junction of Earl Township, Leacock Township and Upper Leacock Township.

According to the map constructed by H. Frank Eshleman, the road surveyed in 1726 did not pass this junction point of three townships, which lies inside the 307 acres surveyed for DORIS EBYS in 1724. Therefore, in 1726 THEODORUS EBY and his sons had at least one mill on Mill Creek, the survey and warrant for which have not been found by the writer. The records in Philadelphia, West Chester, Lancaster and Harrisburg are silent as to this mill.

One more clue and I pass these problems on to future investigators. J. Watson Ellmaker, of Lancaster, Pa., was a genius at genealogy. A long lifetime devoted to antiquarian research placed him in possession of many facts, which since his death have reverted into oblivion.

The Genealogy of Johannes Baer, published in 1910, a copy of which may be seen in the State Library, at Harrisburg, contains a report on the Eby family by J. Watson Ellmaker on page 160. He states that THEODORUS EBY took up a large tract of land on the Mill Creek, near the Welch Mountains. Does this refer to the 307 acres surveyed for DORIS EBYS in 1724? I think not. My hypothesis is that in some farmhouse J. Watson Ellmaker discovered some unrecorded manuscript, which supplied him this information. Was this large tract in Earl Township? Or in Leacock Township? Or was it in Upper Leacock Township? Or was it this 307 acres?

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EXPLANATION.

The ability to read the Egyptian hieroglyphics depended upon the discovery of the Rosetta Stone in 1799. Prior to this discovery, no key to the ancient priestly language had been found. The trilingual arrangement of this decree was the one thing needful for this great accomplishment, the ability to read the hieroglyphic language. Singly, the characters meant nothing. By comparison with others, they revealed the ancient civilization of Egypt.

Unable to make the proper interpretation of the various documents referring to the Eby family to be found in Philadelphia, West Chester, Lancaster and Harrisburg, the writer finally resorted to this same method of comparison. Ordering photographs and reproductions of *all* the maps and surveys, and certified copies of *all* the other documents referring to the Eby family, assembling these in one room, applying the method of comparison, these documents began to tell a story regarding the activities of the first three generations of the Eby family in America hitherto unsuspected.

From a study of the material here presented, it will be seen that one document explains another in such a way that it is possible to reconstruct at least some of this colonial history. It is certain that for years some of my relatives, and many other investigators from Israel Daniel Rupp down, have tried to get meaning out of these documents, considering them singly.

That there are undiscovered documents relating to the Eby family, still in existence, seems quite probable. The present report must be considered as a preliminary report. The writer is conscious of the fact that he has not got all the meaning out of these various documents. More material and a better understanding of conditions will certainly yield better results.

In the present publication, only the documents throwing light on the subject under discussion are presented. In a subsequent book, all papers and much other material will be included.

To render assurance doubly sure, after having accumulated this material for the printer, Jacob Hill Byrne, Attorney, of Lancaster City, was engaged to mark out upon the map of Lancaster City the approximate boundaries of the *First Eby farm in America;* the Theodorus Eby tract surveyed in 1718. To H. Frank Eshleman, Attorney, and Jacob Hill Byrne, Attorney, both experts in this line of investigation, must be given credit for having assisted in establishing the historic accuracy of some of the identifications.

THE EBY FAMILY, PIONEER MILLWRIGHTS AND MILLERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND ELSEWHERE.

The two necessities that have been determining factors in the struggle for existence, not only of the entire human race since its appearance on this planet, but of all living things, both plant and animal, since the dawn of life, are food and shelter. To eat, to escape being eaten, is the biological formula expressing this concept. The cave man at the foot of the glacier, Hannibal crossing the Alps to destroy Rome, Robinson Crusoe on his lonely island, the American Legion in France, all alike depended for their very existence upon their solution of this perpetual problem, food and shelter. Historians tell us that the many dismal failures to colonize the New World were all due to the inability of the colonizers to solve the problems of food and shelter.

In sharp contrast to these doleful recitals of privations, starving, freezing, dying thousands in other colonies, is the history of the Swiss Mennonites as home makers in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

The Swiss Archives at Berne and Zurich are now available to the historian. Banished from their homes in and near Berne and Zurich under penalty of being branded with hot irons if caught, in many cases their property confiscated, these fugitives found their way finally to Philadelphia; and the first hour after landing from the ships, they were confronted with the biological problem of the ages, food and shelter.

To the astonishment and consternation of the English authorities in Philadelphia, out into the great wilderness back of Philadelphia, following the Indian trails westward, for roads there were none, these Swiss Mennonites plunged. Read the various histories of Lancaster County for a vivid description of the vast forests, the streams, hills and mountains, the plants and animals, and the aborigines.

Millwrights, millers and mills were to solve the great perpetual problem of food and shelter; and that they did solve these problems quickly and correctly, the Garden County of America is the answer. Sawmills to supply shelter, gristmills to supply food, were imperatively demanded. Without these, the history of Lancaster County Swiss Mennonites would have been a repetition of the Virginia experiment and the New England experiment. The fit survive; the unfit perish.

Very versatile, very resourceful, very enterprising, very persistent were these Swiss Mennonites. Driven from Switzerland, their bridges were burned behind them. THEY MUST STICK. My own ancestor was sold as a bond servant to pay his passage across the Atlantic, and so were his two brothers, unless a family tradition that has existed for two hundred years is utterly false. PETER EBY, JOHN EBY and GEORGE EBY were redemptioners, bondslaves for passage money.

Necessity is ever the mother of invention. Sawmills and gristmills they must have and have quickly. Who built the first mill in what is now Lancaster County? We do not know. Where was the first mill built, and when? We do not know. Prior to any merchant mills of which we have any record, undoubtedly there were primitive mills, family mills, neighborhood mills. Mortar and pestle, the first mills of all countries, all climes, all races and conditions of mankind, were undoubtedly called into rquisition immediately upon the arrival of the early Swiss immigrants near Pequea Creek about the year 1710. Mingling daily with the friendly Indians, quickly the pioneers learned from the aborigines how to survive. Food and shelter somehow the aborigines had managed to provide for themselves for many centuries.

Born in Canton Zurich, Switzerland, on April 25, 1663, son of that BISHOP JACOB EBY, who was ordained Bishop of the Swiss Mennonites in 1683, THEODORUS EBY arrived on this planet during the great religious upheaval known as the Reformation. Driven from his home in Canton Zurich, Switzerland, in 1704, he went to Elsace in France, thence to Holland, and in 1712, arrived in Philadelphia.

Among the names of the twenty-two Swiss and German settlers in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in the year 1712, according to Rupp, 30,000 names, appendix, page 437, we find that of THEODORUS EBY.

Among the names of those assessed in Conestoga Township in 1718, according to Ellis and Evans, 1883, "History of Lancaster County," page 20, is that of THEODORUS EBY.

On ye 10th day of ye 3rd month, A. D. 1718, according to a document remaining on file, Old Rights, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, among the new surveys at Conestoga, the quantity of three hundred acres of land was ordered to be surveyed to THEODORUS EBY. This document is reproduced in this report.

The plat of survey to this tract of land was discovered among the Taylor Manuscripts in the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Volume XII, Number 2677, TORIS EBYS being THEODORUS EBY. This plat of survey is also reproduced on another page. This tract of three hundred acres of TORIS EBYS lies mostly inside the present city limits of Lancaster City. See Ellis and Evans, 1883, "History of Lancaster County," page 360 and 361, and plat of Lancaster Townstead opposite page 360, for TORIS EBYS or THEODORUS EBY tract.

The southeast boundary of this FIRST EBY FARM IN AMERICA is the entire upper bend of Conestoga Creek. The northwest boundary is the entire length of Church Street and Church Street extended at both ends. The southwest boundary is the entire length of Strawberry Street and Strawberry Street produced through WOODWARD HILL CEMETERY to Conestoga Creek. The northeast boundary is indicated on the map.

The best view of the FIRST EBY FARM IN AMERICA is from near the Chapel in WOODWARD HILL CEMETERY. The further back the observer gets the better the farm looks. Distance certainly lends enchantment to the view. No wonder THEODORUS EBY sold his interest to HANS MUSSER and moved out to Earl Township on Mill Creek.

THEODORUS EBY evidently entered into a contract to sell this three hundred acres to HANS MUSSER, and went into the wilderness twelve miles east of the present City of Lancaster to build a mill on Mill Creek. It is in connection with the consummation of the HANS MUSSER transaction that we obtained an almost complete list of the children of THEODORUS EBY. On the twentieth day of January, 1734, all the sons and daughters of THEODORUS EBY, excepting the youngest son, DAVID, who was probably in Virginia at the time, united in signing a deed transferring their interest in this three hundred-acre tract, most of the tract being within the present limits of Lancaster City, to HANS MOSER. This document, hereinafter reproduced, is recorded in the Courthouse, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Deed Book GG, page 391.

According to the assessment list of Conestoga Township, 1724-1725, from Ellis and Evans, 1883, "History of Lancaster County," page 21, THEODORUS EBY and his sons, PETER, JOHN and GEORGE, paid taxes at this time and place. Whether these Swiss Mennonites used mortar and pestle or some crude water mill, or a hand mill, like a coffee mill, to grind their grain, we do not know. History seems silent up to this date. If there ever were any records, they have been lost, or remain undiscovered.

August 24, 1724, DORIS EBYS had surveyed for him 307 acres on Mill Creek, the plat of survey being preserved as one of the Taylor Manuscripts, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Volume XII, Number 2557, and elsewhere reproduced in this report.

The earliest mention of any mill in connection with the Eby family, so far as I know, is to be found in Chester County Courthouse, West Chester, Pennsylvania. Original Road Papers, Volume II, page 6. This is a petition for a road to pass DORSE EBYS MILL, and dated May 31, 1726. This document is reproduced else-

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AND SUBURBS.
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CONESTOGA CREEK
FIRST EBY FARM
IN AMERICA
SURVEYED FOR
THEODORUS EBY
MAY 10th 1718
SHADED TRACT

where in this report. Lancaster County was not erected out of Chester County until 1729.

This road was laid out August 23d, 24th, 25th, 26th, 1726, across the land of TORIS EBIS, and 90 + 65 — 100 + 223 + 52 = 530 perches or rods further, reached THE MILL OF TORIS EBIS, as will appear from the record of Original Road Papers, Volume II, page 6, Chester County Courthouse. This document is elsewhere reproduced. No mention is made of any vacant land or of any other owner between the place where the road reached the land of TORIS EBIS and where the road reached the mill of TORIS EBIS. If this document is worth anything as evidence, two conditions might have existed; first TORIS EBIS (THEODORUS EBY), had possession of an elongated tract of land at least 530 perches in length, and probably longer. Second, TORIS EBIS (THEODORUS EBY) had two tracts of land, the southerly tract, occupied by a mill, presumably on Mill Creek, the other tract more than a mile northwest of the mill. This unsolved problem has been referred to in the preface, and will bereferred to again.

December 2, 1726, as shown by Pennsylvania Archives, Second Series, Volume XIX, page 745, JOHN EBY requests a permit to erect a gristmill. This JOHN EBY was a son of THEODORUS EBY. Where did JOHN EBY erect this mill? The road petition shows that on May 31, 1726, DORSE EBYS had a mill. On December 2, 1726, JOHN EBY, his son, applies for a permit to erect a mill. THEODORUS EBY and his sons were millwrights. As we shall show later, they erected and operated a chain of mills, in Earl Township, on Mill Creek, in Warwick Township at Millway, at the junction of Cocalico Creek with Hammer Creek, and in Elizabeth Township on Hammer Creek, three miles north of where Lititz now stands. In the early days, did THEODORUS EBY and his sons build mills and sell them to other families? Or did they build mills on contract? These are problems for other investigators to solve. Documentary evidence may be uncovered explaining these problems. Six successive generations of millwrights and millers on one line (THEODORUS, PETER, JACOB, BENJAMIN, BENJAMIN, ALEXANDER), and six successive generations of millwrights and millers on another line (THEODORUS, CHRISTIAN, CHRISTIAN, JOHN, ELIAS, SIMON PETER), as shown at the conclusion of this report, with many millwrights and millers branching from these lines in Canada, Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Illinois, leads the writer to suspect that a survey of these early documents will yield a harvest of information as to who supplied the food and shelter for the Lancaster County pioneers.

Some of the subsequent history of JOHN EBY, son of THEODORUS EBY, is told in the patent issued to his brother, PETER EBY, dated January 15, 1744, Old Rights, Harrisburg, Patent Book A, Volume XI, page 457, herein reproduced elsewhere. The description of the 307 acres in this patent fits the plat of survey of 307 acres made to DORIS EBYS on August 24, 1724, found among the Taylor Manuscripts, Philadelphia, Volume XII, Number 2557. PETER EBY and JOHN EBY mentioned in this patent, were sons of THEODORUS EBY. JOHN EBY died, intestate and unmarried, prior to January 15, 1744; and for reasons to be mentioned later, this JOHN EBY was the man who, on December 2, 1726, requetsed a permit to erect a gristmill.

In the possession of CLAYTON MARTIN, Pharmacist, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, is a document worth its weight in diamonds. It is a certificate of naturalization granted to certain residents of Lancaster County on October 14, 1729. This document is reproduced in Rupp, 1844, "History of Lancaster County," page 121 to 128, and in Mombert, 1869, "Authentic History of Lancaster County," page 417. This document recites that they had transported themselves and estates into the Province of Pennsylvania between the years 1700 and 1718. Among the names of those naturalized appear the names of PETER ABYE and JOHN ABYE.

Considering all the dates and weighing all the evidence, it appears certain that PETER ABYE and JOHN ABYE, naturalized October 14, 1729, were the PETER EBY and JOHN EBY mentioned in the patent to PETER EBY for 307 acres dated January 15, 1744, and that they were the sons of DORIS EBYS, for whom this 307 acres was surveyed August 24, 1724, and that DORIS EBYS was the THEODORUS EBY mentioned by Rupp, 30,000 names, page 437, as having settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 1712.

Before passing to another phase of this subject, reference should be made here to Rupp, 1844, "History of Lancaster County," page 291, "JOHN EBY'S MILL, ELIAS MYER'S MILL and GEORGE EBY'S MILL were all erected before 1739." Again weighing all the facts, this JOHN EBY and this GEORGE EBY were sons of THEODORUS EBY. Had Rupp been in possession of more complete information, his list of early millwrights and millers would have included at least PETER EBY and CHRISTIAN EBY, brothers of JOHN EBY and GEORGE EBY. At this date, 1739, THEODORUS EBY had passed to his reward, but at least four of his sons, PETER, JOHN, GEORGE and CHRISTIAN, had built and were operating mills in Lancaster County. As to the two other sons of THEODORUS EBY, JACOB and DAVID, the writer has not been able to discover any documentary information. This is another problem for future investigation. Very complete information regarding the numerous descendants of JACOB EBY and DAVID EBY, sons of THEODORUS EBY, has been accumulated and prepared for publication; but because they were young, ambitious and venturesome, they probably swarmed into Maryland and Virginia at an early date. Were they mill wrights and millers? Where did they build?

Here is the place to introduce an interesting family tradition. Family traditions are the most treacherous and the most useful sources of misinformation. My invariable procedure has been to investigate ALL traditions, for by so doing some of the most startling discoveries have been made. Unless supported by some reliable evidence, tradition is worse than worthless, for it is a hindrance and not a help. Many apparently intelligent people seem to believe that tradition is history. From a psychological standpoint, this Eby family tradition has been a valuable asset of the family. It has been a stimulus to hundreds, yes thousands, of the progeny of THEODORUS EBY with whom I have talked, scattered throughout Canada and the United States, even to the Pacific Coast. To them it explains their own versatility and resourcefulness, so indispensable to pioneers in Canada and the wild and woolly West, as being inherited from the old patriarch, THEODORUS EBY. SIMON PETER EBY, Attorney, of Lancaster City, has embalmed this family tradition in this sentence: "These sons were all skilled in the various mechanical arts, so that with their assistance, the old ancestor, THEODORUS, built a mill, and erected such other buildings as were needed, without employing persons outside the family, except for the purpose of burning charcoal to supply the smith forge, which process they did not sufficiently understand." This same Eby family tradition is to be found in Alexander Harris, 1872, Biographical History of Lancaster County, page 176. The writer is quite certain that SIMON PETER EBY, Attorney, supplied the information regarding the Eby family in this Biographical History of 1872.

The exact date of the death of THEODORUS EBY is not known, nor is his last resting place known to the writer. He died prior to February 20, 1734, the date of the deed granted by his children to HANS MOSER. Probably he died prior to January 8, 1733, for that is the date assigned to the survey of 150 acres to his son, GEORGE EBY, the plat of this survey, herewith reproduced, being found among the Taylor Manuscripts, Philadelphia, Volume XII, Number 2539, and the patent describing this tract of land being found among Old Rights, Harrisburg, Patent Book AA, Volume I, page 104, and dated October 16, 1760, to CHRISTIAN EBY, eldest son of GEORGE EBY, who was the son of THEODORUS EBY. The inference is that THEODORUS

EBY having died prior to January 8, 1733, the property was distributed among his children by mutual agreement, this being the usual procedure among the numerous descendants of THEODORUS EBY down to the present time: and that GEORGE EBY had selected a mill site for himself prior to this date. This mill site was far in the wilderness of Warwick Township, where there was demand for a pioneer merchant sawmill and gristmill.

Of all the mill sites selected by the various members of the Eby family, that of GEORGE EBY is to-day, 1924, the most easily identified and the one that has suffered the least change. This 150-acre tract is at MILLWAY, WARWICK TOWNSHIP, where the Cocalico Creek joins Hammer Creek, as can be seen from the plat of survey. From the topography of this tract it is evident that this mill of GEORGE EBY must have been located within a few feet of the stone mill now standing, in 1924, in the village of MILLWAY. The patent, dated Oct. 16th, 1760, tells its own story as to the family of GEORGE EBY, son of THEODORUS EBY, but there is a long, long story connected with this family. All the way from Los Angeles, California, through many states, the offspring of GEORGE EBY have been traced back to the vicinity of the present old stone mill at MILLWAY. The story is too long to introduce here, and it does not belong in the present discussion, but in another volume now in preparation.

Settlers having invaded the northern portion of Lancaster County, the time had now arrived for the fourth son of THEODORUS EBY to seek a favorable mill site and build a mill for himself. Three miles north of LITITZ, on HAMMER CREEK, in what is now ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP, and about six miles northwest of the mill of his brother GEORGE on that same Hammer Creek, CHRISTIAN EBY, fourth son of THEODORUS EBY, selected what has proved to be one of the best locations in Lancaster County. The warrant for a portion of this tract was issued December 23d, 1743. The patent for 236 acres, dated November 12th, 1746, is found in Old Rights, Harrisburg, Patent Book A, Volume XII, page 451, and the plat of survey, also in Old Rights, Harrisburg, Book C, Volume 50, page 79. Both these documents are reproduced in this report. The mill site selected by CHRISTIAN EBY is easily identified as being within a few feet of the large stone mill at present, 1924, owned by MR. SNAVELY, on Hammer Creek. The stone house, directly across the creek, has been changed to meet modern requirements, the windows and doors reduced in size, but in front and above the porch is a stone said to have been taken from the older house, bearing this inscription:

CHRISTIAN EBI
ELISABETHA
1754

These are identified as being CHRISTIAN EBY (1698-1756), son of THEODORUS EBY, and ELIZABETH (MAYER), his wife. Compare the spelling EBI of this family name with Ellis and Evans, 1883, History of Lancaster County, page 1072.

To make this report intelligible, we return to Mill Creek, and present one other document to demonstrate the sequence of owners from the original survey of 307 acres to DORIS EBYS (THEODORUS EBY), in 1724, to Michael Rhyne in 1755. This document is found recorded in Lancaster County Courthouse, Deed Book D, page 406. This is a deed from JACOB EBY, second son of PETER EBY, grandson of THEODORUS EBY, and HANNAH (LATERIN), wife of said JACOB EBY, to MICHAEL RHYNE. A critical study of the various documents reproduced in this report will show the chain of ownership. For many years after the EBY FAMILY surrendered possession of the mill site on Mill Creek at the junction of Earl, Leacock and Upper Leacock Townships, to the Rhine family, this was known as Rhine's mill. Succeeding the Eby family, three generations of the Rhine family owned the mill site from 1755 to 1831. The stone high up on the side of the present mill, owned by Abraham H. Hoover,

bears the date 1793, and it appears quite certain that the Rhine family built the present stone mill in 1793. It appears that the property passed from the Rhyne family to the Roland family, according to a deed dated February 11th, 1831, recorded in Lancaster Courthouse in Deed Book S5, page 109, whereby Henry Roland acquired he property. This Henry Roland died January 13th, 1847, and his son, Henry A. Roland, became owner of the property. This is the mill referred to by Ellis and Evans, 1883, History of Lancaster County, page 811, as Rhine's, Roland's, Swope's, Neff's, and now Hoover's. Had the compiler of that information been aware of the earlier history, he would have stated that three generations of the Eby family, THEODORUS, PETER and JACOB, operated a merchant mill at that mill site, preceding the Rine family.

THE EBY CHAIN OF MILLS.

On the outskirts of civilization, stretching diagonally across the wilderness of Lancaster County, before the year 1739, according to the evidence, various members of the EBY FAMILY built, owned and operated a chain of sawmills and gristmills at strategic points.

The various petitions for roads in early Lancaster County demonstrate clearly that access to merchant mills was the most urgent necessity. The mills seem to have anticipated civilization, not followed it. Before the investigation of the mills of Lancaster County began, the writer knew that in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Illinois merchant mills anticipated and paved the way for any considerable civilization. The earliest economic activities of the pioneers of Lancaster County resembles very closely the same state of development in Illinois. Even if log houses were the first constructed, some sawed lumber was needed. Ground grain they must have. The merchant mill seems to have been an institution imperatively demanded by the conditions.

Much of Lancaster County was covered by a heavy growth of timber. The Plain People knew that the most fertile land is always the land that grows the best trees. If the soil grew good trees, it would grow good wheat. This most fertile land they were determined to possess, and possess it they did, and clear it they did, and farm it they did, and the result is the Garden County of America. Almost their only wealth at first consisted of logs. These they drew to the merchant mill, where they exchanged the logs for flour, meal and lumber. When the land was cleared, they raised crops, took the grain to the merchant mill, where they exchanged the grain for flour, meal and lumber.

What a wonderful true historic recital of the activities in and around a pioneer merchant mill could the writer unfold if this were the proper place! For the old ancestral mill in Millbrook Township, Peoria County, Illinois, is ever before my eyes as I write, and what I saw there could not have been very different from what could be seen here in Lancaster County, almost two hundred years ago. The mill yard was piled high with logs brought in by the farmers in exchange for what they must have. Two splendid yokes of oxen with long log chains snaked the logs where needed. The lumber never accumulated around the sawmill of my grandfather, for it was quickly loaded and hauled away by the farmers. Long rows of wagons from four counties, loaded with corn, wheat, oats and rye, stood waiting for their turn to get to the loading platform of the gristmill. This strategic mill site was selected by my maternal grandfather, Clark Whitcomb Stanton, on Spoon River in Millbrook Township, Peoria County, Illinois, and four counties of Illinois,—Peoria, Stark, Knox and Henry,—depended upon this merchant mill for many years to supply the pioneers of Illinois with flour, meal and lumber. The recollection of this ancestral mill in the wilderness of Peoria County, Illinois, built by my maternal grandfather, maintained by my two grandfathers, with the assistance of my father, makes this early history of Lancaster County very real and very near to me.

As stated before, prior to the year 1739, various members of the EBY FAMILY had built, owned and operated a chain of merchant mills located at strategic points,

west and north of the present City of Lancaster. Three of these mill sites can now be located definitely within a few feet, and the fourth mill site, presumably on Mill Creek, probably will be definitely determined by the discovery of other colonial documents. Within a few feet of where the mill of ABRAHAM H. HOOVER stands to-day, in this year 1924, known as Hoover's Mill, formerly known as Roland's Mill, before that known as Rine's Mill, and originally known as Eby's Mill, on Mill Creek at the junction of Earl, Leacock and Upper Leacock Townships, Lancaster County, at one time was the homestead and mill of THEODORUS EBY. Further research will probably disclose other mills and other homesteads of THEODORUS EBY in this vicinity.

Northwest from this homestead of THEODORUS EBY, at the present village of Millway, in Warwick Township, above the junction of Cocalico Creek and Hammer Creek within a few feet of the present stone mill, was the mill site of GEORGE EBY, son of THEODORUS EBY. This GEORGE EBY is referred to in Ellis and Evans, 1883, History of Lancaster County, page 1072, as being the first member of the Eby family to settle in the present Warwick Township, and on page 1074 as having built the first mill in Warwick Township. See also Rupp, 1844, History of Lancaster County, page 291.

The most northerly of this chain of mills built and owned by members of the Eby family was the mill of CHRISTIAN EBY, son of THEODORUS EBY, also built on Hammer Creek, about six miles northwest of the mill of his brother, GEORGE EBY, and across Hammer Creek from the present stone house, whose front displays the stone, CHRISTIAN EBI, ELISABETHA, 1754.

The ability to harness the energy of falling water, and compel it to saw the logs and grind the grain of the colonial pioneers, was the contribution of the EBY FAMILY at this critical period; their contribution to the solution of the perpetual problem of food and shelter.

The progeny of the Swiss Mennonite Bishop, JACOB EBY, father of THEODORUS EBY, at that time possessed latent talents which, during the intervening two hundred years, have placed his descendants as university professors, bishops in several religious denominations, lawyers, physicians, financiers, statesmen, teachers, preachers, mssionaries, editors, and leaders of men, but this ability to construct mills from the raw materials of nature in the primeval forests of Lancaster County will ever stand as the one really great accomplishment of the SWISS EBY FAMILY,—their one great contribution to the advancement of civilization on the Western Hemisphere.

Those members of the Eby family who read these lines must realize that our cousins who remained in Europe have had many cultural advantages denied to our ancestors in the wilderness of Lancaster County. The European branches of the Eby family are justified in regarding the members of the Eby and Eaby families in Lancaster County much the same as the Lancaster County members regard their cousins at present residing in Dakota, Kansas, Idaho, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas and the Pacific Coast. PROFESSOR CHRISTOPHER THEODORUS ABY (1835-1885), the Bernese anthropologist imported to the University of Prague, Bohemia, and PROFESSOR JULES AEBY, the chemist of Antwerp, Belgium, both cousins of my father, ALEXANDER ABY (1830-1913) had nothing to their credit more conspicuous, or more useful to the welfare of the human race, than this ability to build mills and operate them in the primeval forests of Lancaster County, Penna.

A study of the ancestry of ABRAHAM LINCOLN teaches us that through accident, privations, misfortunes, hardships, unfavorable environment in any form, human beings may become submerged for two or three or four or more generations. Given a favorable environment, a "chance," all that latent static ability, the accumulation of incalculable heredity, becomes available dynamic energy.

A study of the work accomplished by LUTHER BURBANK, the plant wizard, discloses the same sequence of cause and effect in the plant world. The cactus through the ages adapted itself to the desert, and lived, while most of its associates in the moist days of its youth perished, because of their lack of adaptability to their changed environment. Adaptability to their environment is the one prominent characteristic of the SWISS EBY FAMILY. This hardy ancient family has lived on through the centuries, endured the horrors of pestilence and wars, religious persecution, prejudice, and edicts of extermination. Like the Jews, the Eby family is hard to exterminate. Like the cactus, the Eby family can even flourish in the desert. At the present date, 1924, in Asia, in Europe, in America, members of the Eby family are existing under very unfavorable circumstances, but they are thriving and flourishing and not perishing. The building and operating of mills in Lancaster County and elsewhere, by six successive generations in several lines, is but the outward expression in colonial times, of their ability to adapt themselves to their environment.

CONCLUSION. SOME EBY GENEALOGY.

An appropriate conclusion for this recital of pioneer millwrights, millers and mills, is my excuse for introducing a very limited quantity of genealogy. Widely scattered though they be throughout Asia, Europe and North America, the very numerous progeny of this old patriarch, THEODORUS EBY, have kept the family records in many branches religiously, and the accumulation of genealogical material is prodigious. In Biographical Annals of Lancaster County, 1903, on page 268, is the biography of SIMON PETER EBY, Attorney, of Lancaster City, Pa. This biography discloses SIMON PETER EBY as standing in the sixth generation of millwrights and millers, as follows:

THEODORUS EBY
CRISTIAN EBY and ELIZABETH MAYER
CHRISTIAN EBY and CATHERINE BRICKER
JOHN EBY and MARIA WITWEM
ELIAS EBY and ELIZABETH ERB
SIMON PETER EBY

He states the facts when he states that the ancestors of SIMON PETER EBY were builders as well as operators of mills for six generations. Millwrights and millers they were. Six generations of millwrights and millers stand as paternal ancestors of the writer of this report. THEODORUS EBY (1663- to about 1732), his son PETER (1690- to about 1748), and his grandson JACOB (1728-1794) have already been introduced to the reader. This JACOB EBY (1728-1794) and his wife HANNA (LATERIN) (1731-1810), are resting in the EBY CEMETERY at MONTEREY, UPPER LEACOCK TOWNSHIP, LANCASTER COUNTY, PA. This JACOB EBY and his wife HANNA (LATERIN) had a son, BENJAMIN EBY (1767-1850), who married SARAH (BAER). This BENJAMIN EBY and his wife, SARAH (BAER), and their babies swarmed out of Lancaster County in 1802, and settled in Path Valley, Fannette Township, Franklin County, Pa., where he accumulated a farm of 400 acres of the most fertile land in Path Valley, five miles north of Dry Run, the farm at present, 1924, owned and occupied by Johnson Campbell. This BENJAMIN EBY, great-grandson of THEODORUS EBY, was also a millwright and miller, owned mills in Sherley Township, Huntingdon County, Pa. His son, GEORGE EBY (1795-1882), built and operated the mill, since torn down, at Augwick Station, Sherley Township, Huntingdon County, Pa., and this GEORGE EBY (1795-1882) is the ancestor of that numerous, wealthy, and influential branch of the Eby family in Huntingdon County, Pa. See Africa, 1883, History of Huntingdon County, Pa., page 285, and Genealogy of Johannes Baer, page 160.

While he was yet living in Lancaster County, this BENJAMIN EBY (1767-1850) and his wife, SARAH (BAER), had a son, whom they named BENJAMIN EBY (1801-

1867). In Path Valley, Franklin County, this BENJAMIN EBY (1801-1867) married a Scotch lassie, RACHEL (ELDER), the daughter of SARAH JANE (ALEXANDER), on May 30th, 1821. Having learned the miller's business from his father, BENJAMIN EBY (1767-1850), and from his brother, GEORGE EBY (1795-1882), young BENJAMIN EBY (1801-1867) contracted the Western fever even as his father had before him, and in 1829 over the mountains he went, with his young Scotch wife and his babies, to Mifflin Township, Richland County, Ohio. Quickly written and easily said, but oh! what a journey in those early days! On April 9th, 1830, a son was born to BENJAMIN EBY (1801-1867) and his wife RACHEL (ELDER). Having named a previous son ELDER EBY, after his mother's family, the ELDER FAMILY of Path Valley, Franklin County, Pa., they now named this new son ALEXANDER EBY, after his grandmother's family, the ALEXANDER FAMILY of Path Valley, Franklin County, Pa.

BENJAMIN EBY (1801-1867) built and operated merchant mills in Richland County, Ohio, from 1829 to 1839. He also anglicised his name in Ohio. BENJAMIN EBY became BENJAMIN ABY, and again the Western fever raged in his veins. Loading up all his earthly possessions in a prairie schooner a second time, he journeyed in 1839 from Mifflin Township, Richland County, Ohio, all that long distance to Millbrook Township, Peoria County, Illinois. He assisted Clark Whitcomb Stanton (1802-1851) to maintain and operate the Stanton mill on Spoon River, Millbrook Township, Peoria County, Illinois. BENJAMIN EBY-ABY (1801-1867) is the designation of my grandfather in the genealogical charts now in publication.

At the age of sixteen, young ALEXANDER EBY, now known as ALEXANDER ABY, "bought his time," went to work in the merchant mill of the energetic and wealthy millwright, miller and real estate operator, Clark Whitcomb Stanton, at Rochester, Millbrook Township, Peoria County, Illinois. Night and day, year in and year out, that Stanton Mill was crowded to the limit of its capacity; wealth accumulated in the hands of Clark Whitcomb Stanton. ALEXANDER ABY for years kept the night shift going. He was an efficient miller. Five generations of millwrights and millers stood behind ALEXANDER ABY (THEODORUS, PETER, JACOB, BENJAMIN, BENJAMIN, ALEXANDER). Putting aside all other evidence, one fact alone proves that ALEXANDER ABY was an efficient miller. At the age of nineteen, this Swiss Scotch miller, ALEXANDER ABY, married MALVINA (STANTON)), the accomplished daughter of the wealthy miller, Clark Whitcomb Stanton, on February 18th, 1850.

ALEXANDER ABY (1830-1913) and MALVINA (STANTON) (1826-1904) had a son, the present writer, whose name is FRANKLIN STANTON ABY. The line runs, THEODORUS, PETER, JACOB, BENJAMIN, BENJAMIN, ALEXANDER, FRANKLIN STANTON. BENJAMIN EBY (1801-1867) was born in Leacock Township, Lancaster County, Pa., and lies buried in the Old Cemetery, Rochester, Millbrook Township, Peoria County, Illinois, as BENJAMIN ABY. He is the ancestor of the Aby family of Illinois, Minnesota, North Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, the Pacific Coast, and all intermediate stations. He is the BENJAMIN EBY-ABY (1801-1867) of the genealogical charts.

As the spelling and pronunciation of the family name in Asia, Europe and North America is to be dealt with extenisvely in another publication, it will suffice to call the reader's attention to Funk & Wagnall's Standard Dictionary of the English language, demonstrating that PROFESSOR CHRISTOPHER THEODORUS ABY (1835-1885) spelled and pronounced his family name, ABY, exactly as we do in Western United States. For a biography of PROFESSOR CHRISTOPHER THEODORUS ABY, the Swiss anthropologist who used the German language, see Lippincott's Pronouncing Biographical Dictionary, 1915, CHRISTOPHER THEODORUS AEBY. The genealogy of this French-speaking branch of the Eby family is connected up with the American branch through the grandfather of that THEODORUS EBY, who arrived in America in 1712.

WARRANTEES OF LAND TO MEMBERS OF THE SWISS EBY FAMILY.

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania Archives, Third Series, Volume XXIV.

EBYE, George, 150 acres, January 8, 1733, page 398.
EBY, Christian, 237 acres, February 10, 1738, page 399.
EBY, Peter, 200 acres, January 23, 1741, page 399.
EBY, Peter, 55 acres, June 4, 1741, page 399.
EBY, Peter 200 acres, June 10, 1741, page 399.
EBY, Christian, 50 acres, December 23, 1743, page 400.
EBY, Christian, 166 acres, October 30, 1746, page 400.
EBY, Jacob, 50 acres, May 2, 1751, page 401.
EBY, Christian, 50 acres, February 15, 1753, page 402.
EVY, Christian, 100 acres, October 17, 1753, page 402.
EBY, Samuel, 34 acres, February 13, 1812, page 404.
EBY, Joseph, 120 acres, June 20, 1822, page 404.
EBEY, Elias, 5 acres, August 24, 1845, page 404.
EBEY & LONG, October 25, 1771, page 464.

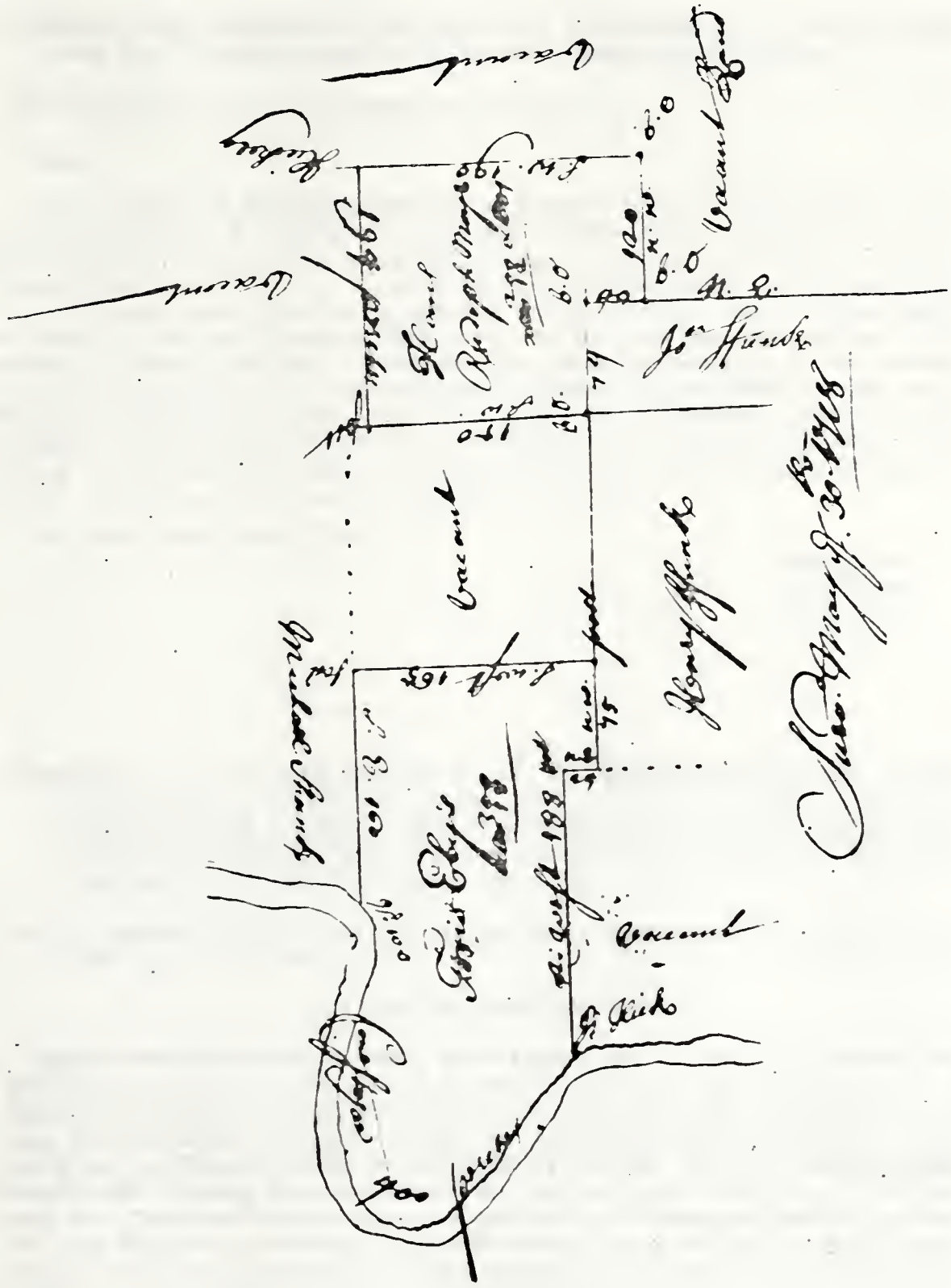
Franklin County, Pennsylvania Archives, Third Series, Volume XXV.

EBY, Benjamin, 46 acres, May 10, 1819, page 17.
EBY, Jacob, 148.56 acres, June 28, 1852, page 17.
EBY, Christian, 150 acres, January 29, 1785, page 16.
EBY, George, 200 acres, January 29, 1785, page 16.
EABY, Benjamin, 59.117 acres, March 28, 1809, page 16.
EBY, Peter, 39.110 acres, May 15, 1811, page 16.

Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania Archives, Third Series, Volume XXV.

EBY, George, 43.58 acres, January 8, 1846, page 706.

Hugh Eby, Volume XXVI, page 74, was probably Hugh Ely.



WARRANT FOR SURVEY OF 300 ACRES TO THEODORUS EBY, DATED MAY 10th, 1718. FOUND AMONG OLD RIGHTS, HARRISBURG, PENNA.

PENSILVANIA SS. By the Commissioners of Property

(SEAL)

At the request of Theodorus Ebey late of Germany but now of this Province That we would grant him to take up among the new surveys at Conestogo the quantity of three hundred acres of land for which he agrees to pay to the Proprietrs use Thirty Pounds Mony of Pensilvania for the whole and the yearly quit rent of one Shilling Sterling for each hundred acres These are to authorize and require thee to survey or cause to be surveyed unto the said Theodorus Eby at or near the place aforesaid according to the method of Townships appointed the said quantity of three hundred acres of land that has not been already surveyed nor appropriated nor is seated by the Indians & make return thereof into the Secretarys Office which survey in case the said Theodorus fulfill the above agreement within three months after the date hereof shall be valid otherwise the same is to be void as if it had never been made nor this warrant ever given under our hands & seal of ye Provce. at Philada. ye 10th day of ye 3d moth A. D. 1718.

To Jacob Taylor Surveyr Genrl.

RICHARD HILL
ISAAC NORRIS
JAMES LOGAN

THEODORUS EBY, ON MAY 10th, 1718, HAS SURVEY FOR HIM 300 ACRES WHERE LANCASTER CITY NOW STANDS. THIS TRACT HE CONTRACTED TO SELL TO HANS MUSSER. THEODORUS EBY HAVING DIED, INTESTATE, PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 20th, 1734, HANS MUSSER RECEIVES A PATENT FOR THIS 300 ACRES ON NOVEMBER 16th, 1737.

FOUND AMONG OLD PATENTS, HARRISBURG, PENNA., PATENT BOOK A, VOLUME VIII, PAGE 314.

PATENT TO HANS MOSER.

James Penn Thos Penn & Richd. Penn Esqrs True and Absolute Proprietaries and Governours in Chief of the Province of Pensilvania and Countys of New Castle Kent and Sussex on Delaware To all unto whom these presents shall come send Greeting WHEREAS by virtue and in pursuance of a warrant from the late Commissioners of Property under the lesser seal of our said Province bearing date the Tenth Day of May Anno One thousand seven hundred and Eighteen there was surveyed and laid out on the thirtieth day of the same month unto Theodorus Eby a certain tract of land situate on Conestogoe Creek in the County now called Lancaster BEGINNING at a Marked Hickory Tree on the Banck of the said Creek thence by vacant land north west eighty eight perches to a post thence north east twenty four perches to a post at a corner of Henry Funks land thence by the same north west twenty five perches to a corner tree in a line of the said Henry Funks land thence by vacant land south west one hundred and sixty five perches to a post in a line of Michael Shanck's land thence by the same south east one hundred and sixty perches to a white oak near the said Creek thence up the same by the several courses thereof four hundred perches to the place of beginning

CONTAINING **three hundred acres** and the allowance of six acres P Cent for roads and highways As in and by the survey thereof remaining in our Surveyor Generalls Office & from thence certified into our Secretarys Office may appear AND WHEREAS the said **Theodorus Eby** is since deced **intestate** (not having paid for the said land) leaving issue several children who by deed of the **twentieth day of February Anno one thousand seven hundred and thirty four** did grant bargain and sell all and every their right title and interest of in and to the above described three hundred acres of land unto **Hans Moser** of the County of Lancaster aforesaid Now at the instance and request of the late said **Hans Moser** that we would be pleased to grant him a confirmation of the said **three hundred acres** of land according to the situation lines and bounds aforesaid KNOW YE that for and in consideration of the sum of thirty pounds lawful money of Pensilvania to our use now paid by the said **Hans Moser** the receipt whereof we hereby acknowledge and thereof do acquit and forever discharge as well the heirs of the said **Theodorus Eby** as the said **Hans Moser** his heirs and assigns by these presents and also for the yearly quit rent hereinafter mentioned and reserved WE HAVE given granted released and confirmed and by these presents for us our heirs and successors do give grant release and confirm unto the said **Hans Moser** and his heirs the said three hundred acres of land as the same are now set forth bounded and limited as aforesaid with all mines minnerals quarrys meadows marshes savannahs swamps cripples woods underwoods timber and trees ways waters water courses liberties profits commodities advantages hereditamts and appurtenances whatsoever to the said three hundred acres of land belonging or in anywise appertaining and lying within the bounds and limits aforesaid (Three full and clear fifth parts of all Royal Mines free from all deductions and reprisals for digging and refining the same only excepted and hereby reserved and also free leave right and liberty to and for the said Hans Moser his heirs and assigns to Hawk Hunt Fish and Fowl in and upon the hereby granted land and premises or upon any part thereof To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said **three hundred acres** of land and premises hereby granted (except before excepted) with their appurtenances unto the said **Hans Moser** his heirs and assigns To the only use and behoof of the said Hans Moser his heirs and assigns forever To BE HOLDEN of us our heirs and successors Proprietarys of Pensilvania as of our manner of Conestogoe in the county of Lancaster afsd. in free and common soccage by fealty only in lieu of all other services. YIELDING & PAYING therefore yearly to us our heirs and successors at the town of Lancaster in the said County at or upon the first day of March in every year from the first day of March last past one Shilling Sterling for every hundred acres of the same or value thereof in coyn current according as the Exchange shall then be between our said Province and the City of London to such person or persons as shall from time to time be appointed to receive the same. AND in case of non payment thereof within ninety days next after the same shall become due that then it shall and may be lawfull for us our Heirs and Successors our and their receiver or receivers into and upon the hereby granted land and premises to re enter and the same to hold and possess until the said quit rent and all arrears thereof together with the charges accrueing by means of such non payment and re entry aforesaid be fully paid and discharged IN WITNESS whereof the said Thomas Penn by virtue of the powers and authoritys to him granted by the said John and Richard Penn and of his own right hath caused the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed at Philadelphia this **Sixteenth Day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty seven** the Eleventh Year of the Reign of King George the Second over Great Britain &c. and the twentieth Year of our Government.

THO PENN (L. S.)

Recorded the 3rd Day of Jany 1737

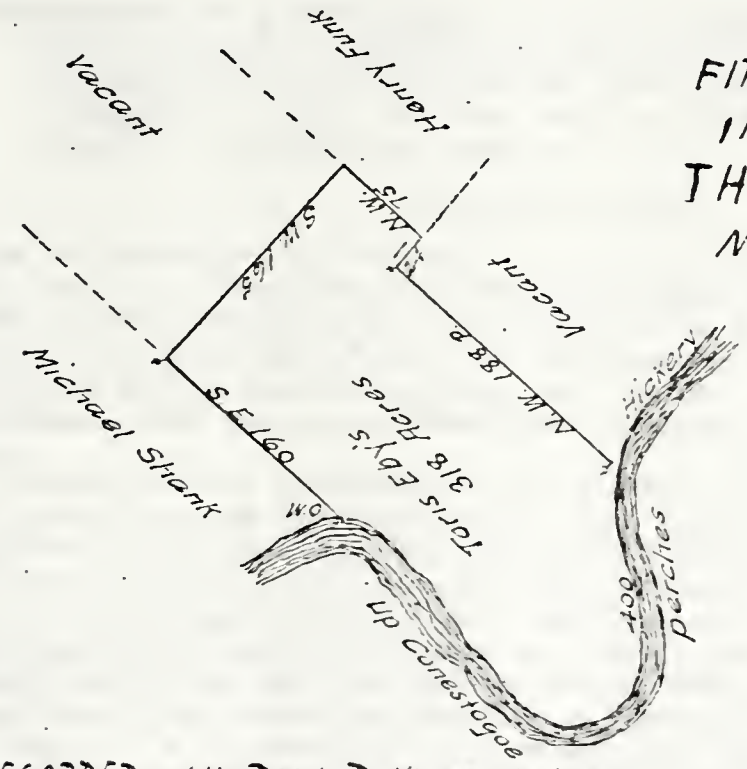
NATURALIZATION OF PETER EBY AND JOHN EBY, TWO SONS OF THEODORUS EBY, AS BRITISH SUBJECTS: OCTOBER 14th, 1729.

From Mombert's Authentic History of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, 1869, page 417, and Rupp; 1844, History of Lancaster County, Penna., page 121. Clayton Martin, Pharmacist, of Lancaster City, has a copy of this document.

"We shall present a public document possessing more than ordinary interest to the numerous descendants of those whose names are recorded in it. We are indebted to Abraham Meylin, of West Lampeter Township (Lancaster County, Pennsylvania), for a copy of it. This document has been upward of 114 years in the possession of the Meylin family. It is an act passed anno REGNI GEORGE II Regis Magnae Britanniae, Franciae, et Hiberniae, tertio, October 14, 1729.

WHEREAS, By encouragement given by the Honorable William Penn, Esq., late Proprietary and Governor of the province of Pennsylvania, and by permission of his Majesty, King George the First, of blessed memory, and his predecessors, Kings and Queens of England, &c., divers Protestants, who were subjects to the Emperor of Germany, a Prince in amity with the Crown of Great Britain, transported themselves and estates into the province of Pennsylvania, between the years one thousand seven hundred, and one thousand seven hundred and eighteen; and since they came hither have contributed very much to the enlargement of the British Empire, and to the raising and improving sundry commodities fit for the markets of Europe, and have always behaved themselves religiously and peaceably, and have paid a due regard and obedience to the laws and government of this province; And whereas, Many of said persons, to wit, Martin Meylin, Hans Graaf, and others, all of Lancaster county, in the said province, in demonstration of their affection and zeal for his present Majesty's person and Government, qualified themselves by taking the qualification, and subscribing the declaration directed to be taken and subscribed by the several acts of parliament, made for the security of his Majesty's person and Government, and for preventing the dangers which may happen by Popish Recusants, &c., and thereupon, have humbly signified to the Governor and Representatives of the freemen of this province, in General Assembly, that they have purchased and do hold lands of the proprietary, and others, his Majesty's subjects within this province, and have likewise represented their great desire of being made partakers of those privileges which the natural born subjects of Great Britain do enjoy within this province; and it being just and reasonable, that those persons who have bona fide purchased lands, and who have given such testimony of their affection and obedience to the Crown of Great Britain, should as well be secured in the enjoyment of their estates, as encouraged in their laudable affection and zeal for the English constitution:

Be it enacted by the Hon. Patrick Gordon, Esq., Lieut. Governor of the province of Pennsylvania, &c., by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of the said province, in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That Martin Meylin, ———— **Peter Abye, John Abye,** all of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, be, and shall be to all intents and purposes deemed, taken, and esteemed, His Majesty's natural born subjects of this province of Pennsylvania as if they and each of them has been born within the said province, and shall and may, and every one of them shall and may, within this province, take, receive, enjoy, and be entitled to all rights, privileges and advantages of natural born subjects, as fully, to all intents, and constructions and purposes whatsoever, as any of his Majesty's natural born subjects of this province can, do or ought to enjoy by virtur of their being His Majesty's natural born subjects of His Majesty's said province of Pennsylvania,



FIRST EBY FARM
IN AMERICA.
THEODORUS EBY,
MAY 10th 1718.

RECORDED IN BOOK D, VOLUME 88, PAGE 137 OF SURVEYS, DEPT. OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS, HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA.

Pursuant to a warrant from the Propts Commrs dated the 10th of May A.D. 1718 I have caused to be surveyd the 30th day of May 1718 a certain Tract of Land Scituate on Conestogoe Creek in the County of Chester Containing Three hundred acres with the allowance of Six pr Cent unto Foris Ebys bounds according to ye above Draught

THEODORUS EBY HAVING DIED, INTESTATE, PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 20th, 1734. HIS CHILDREN, EXCEPTING DAVID EBY, UNITE IN GRANTNG A DEED TO HANS MUSSER FOR THE 300 ACRES SURVEYED FOR TORIS EBYS (THEODORUS EBY), ON MAY 10th, 1718. LANCASTER COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, DEED BOOK GG, PAGE 391.

THIS INDENTURE,

made the Twentieth day of February in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Thirty-four, BETWEEN **John Eby, Peter Eby, George Eby, Christian Eby** and **Jacob Eby**, the sons of **Theodorus Eby**, late of Corestogo, in the County of Lancaster, yeoman, deceased, and **Henry Bare, Barbara his wife, Barbara Eby, Mary Eby** and **Ann Eby** (The said **Barbara Bare, Barbara Eby, Mary** and **Ann** being the daughters of the said **Theodorus**) of the one part, and **Hans Moser**, of Conestogo aforesaid, yeoman of the other part.

WHEREAS, the late Commissioners of Property, by a Proprietory Warrant of the Tenth day of the third month Anno Domini One Thousand Seven hundred and eighteen, did for the consideration therein mentioned, grant unto the said **Theodorus Eby** to take up the quantity of Three Hundred Acres of Land among the new surveys at Conestogo, under the yearly Quit Rent of One Shilling Sterl pr cent. and certain Conditions and Provisions in the said Warrant mentioned and reserved. In Virtue whereof there was laid out unto the said **Theodorus Eby** on the Thirtieth day of the third month Anno Domini, 1718, in the place aforesaid, a certain tract of land situate on the West Side of Conestogoe Creek.

BEGINNING at a marked Hickory by the same Creek thence extending North West by vacant Land one hundred and eighty-eight perches to a post; thence North East twenty-four perches to a post; thence North West by the land of Henry Funk Seventy-five perches to a post; thence South West by Vacant Land one hundred and sixty-five perches to a post; thence South East by the land of Michael Shank one hundred and sixty perches to a White Oak marked standing by the side of the said Creek; thence up the several courses of the same Creek about four hundred perches to the place of BEGINNING. Containing Three Hundred and an allowance of Six Acres Pr Cent.

AND WHEREAS, the said **Theodorus Eby** is since deceased intestate, leaving issue as aforesaid, without having paid any part of the said Consideration Money, and without having performed any of the Conditions and Provisoes aforesaid.

NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, that the said **John Eby, Peter Eby, George Eby, Christian Eby** and **Jacob Eby, Henry Bare** and **Barbara** his wife, **Barbara Eby, Mary Eby** and **Ann Eby** for the consideration of the sum of Seventy Pounds lawful money to them paid by the said Hans Moser, have and each of them hath granted, bargained, sold, assigned and set over and by these presents do and each of them Doth grant, bargain, sell, assign and set over unto the said Hans Moser and his heirs. All and every the estate and estates, Right, Title, Interest, Property, Part and Parts, Claim and Demand whatsoever of them each or either of them, of, in and to the said described Tract of Land by Virtue of the said recited Warrant and Survey or otherwise howsoever with the rights, members, improvements & appurtenances thereto belonging. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Three Hundred Acres of Land and allowances and Hereditaments and Premises hereby granted or mentioned to be granted with the appurtenances unto the said Hans Moser and his Heirs, To the use and Behoof of him the said Hans Moser his heirs and assigns forever. Under all and singular the Proprietory Rents, Conditions and Provisoes aforesaid in the said recited Warrant mentioned.

IN WITNESS Whereof the said Parties to these Presents have interchangeably set their Hands and Seals hereunto, dated the day and year first above written.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of us. The words (with the Rights, members improvements & appurtenances thereunto belonging) between the 14th. & 15th. lines being first interlined. German signature	JOHN EBY (Seal)	PETER EBY (Seal)
	GEORGE EBY (Seal)	CHRISTIAN EBY (Seal)
	JACOB EBY (Seal)	HENRY BARE (Seal)
	her BARBARA B B BEAR (Seal) her Mark	MARY EBY (Seal) her
	BARBARA B E EBY (Seal) mark	ELIZABETH L E EBY (Seal) mark

REPORT OF ROAD SURVEYED AUGUST 23, 24, 25, 26, 1726, PASSING THE MILL OF TORIS EBIS (THEODORUS EBY), FOUND AMONG ORIGINAL ROAD PAPERS, WEST CHESTER COURTHOUSE, VOLUME II, PAGE 6.

By virtue of an order from the Court of Quarter Sessions held and kept at Chester for the **sd.** County this Thirty-first day of May last past and whose names are subscribed have layed out a Road from Conestoga to Whiteland—

Beginning at a water beech Tree marked with five notches standing on the east side of Conestoga Creek about twenty perches below the fork therefrom the land of **Henry Carpenter** thence crossing the same land South sixty-eight degrees easterly one hundred twenty eight perches, south sixty three degrees easterly two hundred and twenty eight perches—South fifty two degrees Easterly four hundred and twenty four perches to a hickory marked with five notches standing on the land of **Martin Bear** thence crossing the land of the sd. **Martin Bear** & vacant land South sixty eight degrees easterly three hundred forty eight perches east three hundred and forty two perches, South sixty eight degrees east one hundred and forty perches—South fifty five degrees easterly one hundred and six perches—South forty degrees easterly two hundred perches to a Black Oak marked with five notches standing on the land of **Toris Ebis** thence crossing the land of the said **Toris Ebis** south thirty degrees easterly ninety perches South forty degrees easterly sixty five perches South thirty four degrees easterly one hundred perches South forty degrees Easterly twenty three perches, South fifty-five degrees, Easterly fifty two perches to the sd. **Toris Ebis Mill** thence crossing the land of the afd. **Toris Ebis** & vacant land North seventy two degrees Easterly thirty six perches South forty degrees Easterly one hundred and ten perches East by South forty six perches South fifty eight degrees Easterly forty four perches South fifty five degrees Easterly two hundred twelve perches South seventy degrees Easterly one hundred four perches South sixty degrees Easterly seventy perches South seventy degrees Easterly fifty eight perches, East sixty perches, South seventy degrees Easterly one hundred fifty two perches—South fifty-five degrees, Easterly forty perches South East one hundred sixty two perches, South seventy five degrees Easterly sixty eight perches East one hundred and two perches to a Black Oak near **Henry Cowen's Barn**—Thence crossing the Proprietor's land South fifty five degrees Easterly sixty eight perches South seventy-five degrees Easterly forty six perches—South seventy degrees Easterly one hundred and forty perches South seventy five degrees Easterly four hundred and eighty perches, North eighty five degrees Easterly sixty four perches to a Walnut Tree North eighty eight perches to a White Oak marked with five notches Thence crossing a corner of the land **James Vornor's** and the land of **Daniel Cooklon** South fifty five degrees Easterly four hundred and forty perches to a Maple Tree marked with five notches standing by Pequea Creek in the land of **Daniel Cookson** Thence crossing the land of the sd **Daniel Cookson** and vacant land South, East forty two perches, South by East twenty four perches South fifty four degrees East sixty two perches, South seventy two degrees East three hundred and sixty perches to a small run, Thence crossing vacant land South sixty six degrees Easterly twenty perches South sixty degrees Easterly twenty six perches South eighty five degrees Easterly eighty perches, North seventy five degrees, Easterly two hundred and forty perches, South sixty five degrees, Easterly ninety two perches South eighty degrees Easterly two hundred and eighty perches, North seventy five degrees Easterly one hundred perches, North East sixty six perches, North seventy degrees Easterly fifty eight perches East sixty perches North eighty degrees Easterly eighty perches, South seventy degrees Easterly forty perches, East North East, forty six perches, East thirty two perches, North seventy-four Degrees Easterly one hundred and twenty four perches to a marked Chestnut Tree standing by **Thomas Vernon's** field, Thence crossing vacant land and land laid out to one **Griffith Lewis** South eighty five degrees, Easterly sixty perches, South eighty four degrees Easterly forty perches South seventy one degrees Easterly eight perches North seventy three degrees Easterly eighty perches, South sixty five degrees Easterly fifty perches, South eighty degrees—Easterly three hundred and ninety perches, South twenty degrees Easterly forty three perches

South East twenty eight perches to a White Oak marked with five notches standing by the West Branch of Brandywine Creek thence crossing vacant land South fifty degrees, Easterly sixty perches, South fifty five degrees Easterly twenty perches, North eighty five degrees Easterly thirty perches thence East along a line between the the land of **Joseph Darlington** and **James Wall** one hundred twenty perches to a post thence South sixty six degrees Easterly crossing a corner of the sd. **James Wall's** land eighty perches to a post, hetnce crossing the Proprietor's land South forty two degrees Easterly one hundred and twenty perches South eighty four degrees Easterly one hundred and twenty perches South seventy degrees Easterly fifty perches to a Hickory Tree marked with five notches thence crossing a small corner of **William Branson's** land South forty degrees Easterly sixty perches thence crossing vacant land and the land late of **John Buller** South seventy degrees Easterly twenty eight perches South seventy nine degrees Easterly two hundred and ten perches to a Poplar thence South thirty two degrees Easterly sixty perches to a post, Thence South fifty five degrees Easterly forty perches to **Joseph Pyle's** land thence East along the line between the land of the sd. **Joseph Pyle** and the land late of **Francis Evots** and crossing vacant land four hundred and thirty perches to a marked Black Oak standing by a road formerly laid out near **Thomas Green's** plantation thence along the said layed out road crossing vacant land the land of **Thomas Parke, George Aston** and **Thomas Moore** nine hundred and seventy perches to a marked White Oak on **Thomas Moore's** land thence crossing the land of the sd. **Thomas Moore** South seventy seven degrees Easterly eighteen perches South eighty five degrees Easterly thirty one perches North eighty degrees Easterly thirty four perches North forty two degrees Easterly one hundred and forty four perches to a White Oak thence crossing the sd. land North thirty seven degrees Easterly ninety perches North seventy one degrees Easterly twenty eight perches East fifty four perches North eighty five degrees Easterly forty eight perches North seventy degrees Easterly sixty six perches thence crossing the land late of **John Parker** North sixty three degrees Easterly seventy six perches East thirty five perches North eighty two degrees East one hundred and twn perches North sixty six degrees Easterly sixty six perches to a White Oak standing by ———— road on the land of **John Squier** in Whiteland.

Layd. out the 23d 24 25th & 26th days of August 1726.

PETITION FOR A ROAD TO PASS DORSE EBYS MILL, DATED MAY THE 31st, 1726. FOUND AMONG ORIGINAL ROAD PAPERS, WEST CHESTER COURT-HOUSE, VOLUME II, PAGE 6.

To the worshipful his Majesties Justices of the Peace for the County of Chester:

The humble petition of sevorall of the inhabitants of the ——— divisions of Chester County called **Poquo** and **Canostogoo** in behalf of themselves and others humbly showeth

THAT whereas ye petitioners are settled far back from Philadephia or any convenient **merchant mills** where they must carry their products to sell, or to exchange for other necessaries which they want, and lies under great difficulties, for want of a ——— lawful road, having for several years traveled with our carts and wagons through the wood, but the settlements turning over usual road in sevoral ——— about into impassable or very difficult whose ——— have happened to come to mischances and damages.

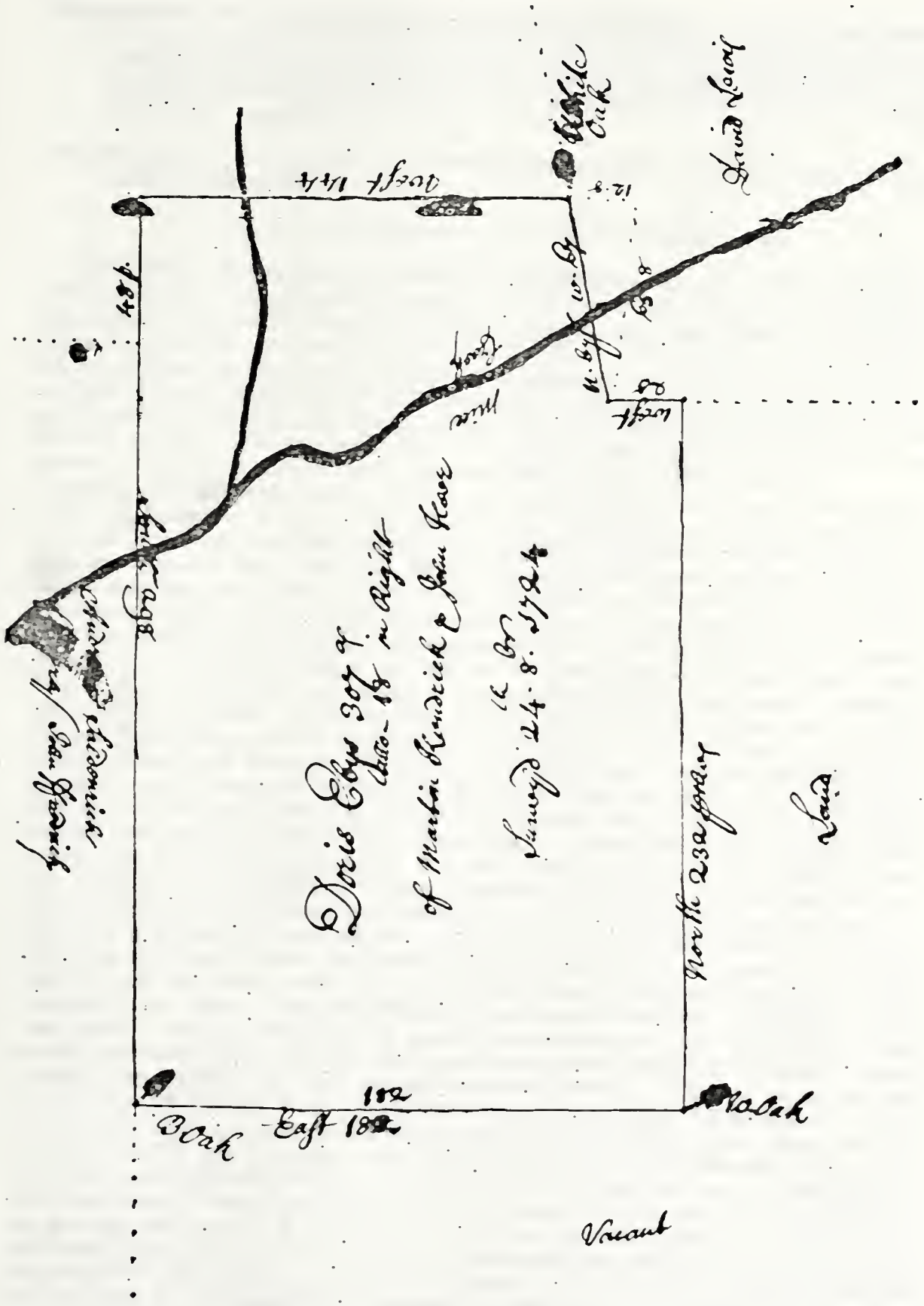
Now we whose names are hereto subscribed most humbly petition you for ourselves and others, most humbly request that yr Worships would take our ——— into yr consideration and ——— out yer orders to six men of ——— and integrity to begin the laying out of a road at the fork of **Cocalico** and **Conostogoe** Creeks, and to lead from hence to **Dorse Ebys Mill**, thence over the branches of **Poque** at the most convenient place at or near **Daniel Cocklon** place ———, thence over the western branch of Brandiwine at the most convenient place to load, and strike into a road that was laid out near Thomas Green, and from thence to lead to the **Philadephia** road that led upon **John Spruies** land.

For which yr petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Dated May the 31st, 1726.

William Clark
James Gault
Hugh Thompson.

——— GROFF
(Four German signatures)
SIMON KING.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THEODORUS EBY, ON OCTOBER 24th, 1724, HAS SURVEYED FOR HIM 307 ACRES ON MILL CREEK, IN LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNA. JOHN EBY, SON OF THEODORUS EBY, HAVING DIED, INTESTATE AND UNMARRIED, HIS ELDEST BROTHER, PETER EBY, RECEIVES A PATENT FOR THE SAID 307 ACRES ON JANUARY 15, 1744.

FOUND AMONG OLD RIGHTS, HARRISBURG, PENNA., PATENT BOOK A, VOLUME XI, PAGE 457.

PATENT TO PETER EBY, SON OF THEODORUS EBY.

John Penn Thomas Penn and **Richard Penn Esquires** true and absolute Proprietaries and Governours in Chief of the Province of Pennsilvania and Counties of New Castle Kent and Sussex on Delaware To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting WHEREAS by virtue of a Warrant under the Lesser Seal of said Province bearing date the Twenty second Day of November in the Year of our Lord 1717, granting to be surveyed unto Martin Kundig and John Heer the quantity of Five Thousand Acres of land in several parcels or tracts on the branches of Conestogoe and Pequea Creeks in the County of Lancaster, there was surveyed and laid out on the **Twenty fourth day of October in the year 1724** in part of the said quantity a certain tract of land (hereinafter described) situate on **Mill Creek** in Township within the said County CONTAINING Three hundred and seven acres and the allowance of six acres per Cent for roads and highways AND WHEREAS the said Martin Kundig and John Heer have since lately bargained and sold all their right and interest in and to the same last mentioned tract unto **John Eby** of the said County (lately deceased) who having built a house and made other improvements thereon applied to us for our Grant and Confirmation thereof and paid to our use all the consideration money for the same, but before the said grant was compleated **dy'd intestate and unmarried** and the fee in the same tract and premises descends X to his **eldest brother and heir at law Peter Eby** of the said County yoeman Now at the special instance and request of the said **Peter Eby** that we would be pleased to grant him a confirmation of the said tract of land KNOW YE that favouring the request of the said **Peter Eby** as well in consideration of the premises as for the yearly quit rent hereinafter mentioned and reserved WE HAVE given granted released and confirmed and by these presents for us our heirs and successors do give grant release and confirm unto the said **Peter Eby** and his heirs the said three hundred and seven acres of land as the same is now set forth bounded and described as follows vizt. BEGINNING at a marked white oak in a line of David Lewis's land and from thence extending by a line of marked trees west one hundred and forty four perches to a post thence by Andreas Saldenrich's land south two hundred and ninety eight perches to a marked black oak thence by vacant land east one hundred and eighty two perches to a marked white oak and north two hundred and thirty two perches to a post in a line of the said David Lewis's land thence by the same west twenty five perches to a post and north by west sixty seven perches to the place of Beginning (As in and by the survey thereof remaining in our surveyor General's Office and from thence certified into our Secretary's Office may appear) With all mines mineralls quarries meadows marches savannahs swamps cripples woods underwoods timber and trees ways waters watercourses liberties profits commodities advantages hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining and lying within the bounds and limits aforesaid (three full and clear fifth parts of all Royal mines free from all deductions and reprisals for digging and refining the same and also one fifth part of the oar of all other mines delivered at the Pitsmouth only excepted and hereby reserved) and also free leave right and liberty to and for the said **Peter Eby** his heirs and assigns to hawk hunt fish and fowl in and upon the hereby granted land and premises or upon any part thereof TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said three hundred and seven acres of land and premises hereby granted (except as before excepted) with their appurtenances unto the said **Peter Eby** his heirs and assigns To the only use and behoof of the said **Peter Eby** his heirs and assigns forever TO BE HOLDEN of us our heirs and successors Proprietaries of

Pennsilvania as of our Mannor of Conestogoe in the said County of Lancaster in free and common soccage by fealty only in lieu of all other services YIELDING AND PAYING therefore yearly to us our heirs and successors at the Town of Lancaster aforesaid at or upon the first day of March in every year from the first day of March next One Shilling Sterling for each hundred acres (and so in proportion for the said seven acres) or value thereof in Coin Current according as the Exchange shall then be between our said Province and the City of London to such person or persons as shall from time to time be appointed to receive the same AND in case of non payment thereof within ninety days next after the same shall become due that then it shall and may become lawful for us our heirs and successors our and their receiver or receivers into and upon the hereby granted land and premises to reenter and the same to hold and possess until the said quit rent and all arrears thereof together with the charges accruing by means of such nonpayment and reentry be fully paid and discharged WITNESS George Thomas Esqr. Lieutenant Governour of the said Province whom in pursuance and by virtue of certain powers and authorities to him for this purpose (Inter alia) granted by the said Proprietaries hath hereunto set his hand and caused the Great Seal of the sd. Province to be hereto affixed at Philadelphia this fifteenth day of January in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty four, the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of King George the Second over Great Britain &ca And the Twenty seventh Year of the said Proprietaries Government.

GEO. THOMAS

{ the Great Seal appendent }

Recorded the 31st January 1744/5

THEODORUS EBY HAVING DIED, INTESTATE, PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 20th, 1734, HIS CHILDREN, EXCEPTING DAVID EBY, UNITE IN GRANTNG A DEED TO HANS MUSSER FOR THE 300 ACRES SURVEYED FOR TORIS EBYS (THEODORUS EBY), ON MAY 10th, 1718. LANCASTER COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, DEED BOOK GG, PAGE 391.

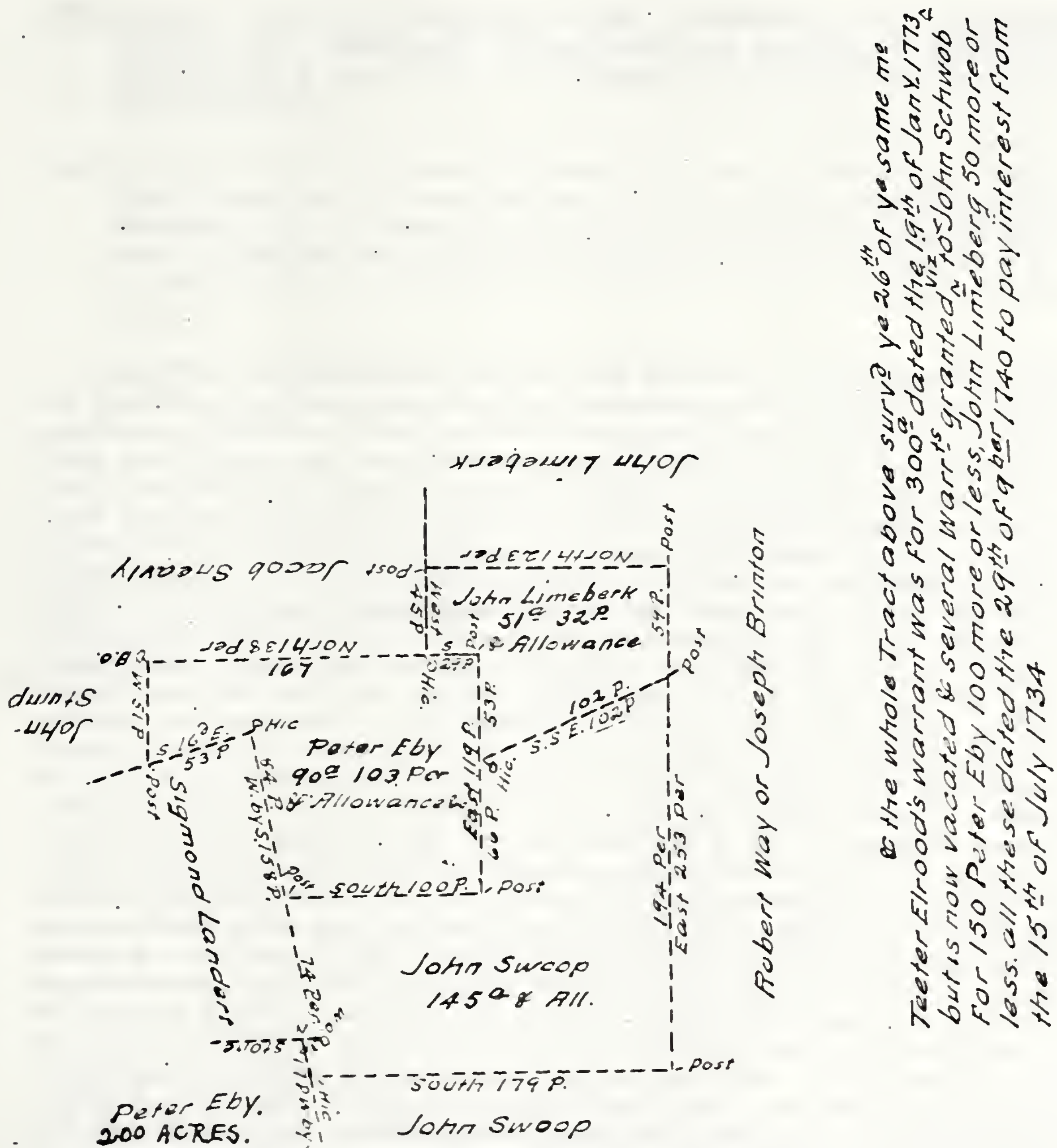
THIS INDENTURE,

made the Twentieth day of February in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Thirty-four, BETWEEN **John Eby, Peter Eby, George Eby, Christian Eby** and **Jacob Eby,** the sons of **Theodorus Eby,** late of Conestogo, in the County of Lancaster, yeoman, deceased, and **Henry Bare, Barbara his wife, Barbara Eby, Mary Eby** and **Ann Eby** (The said **Barbara Bare, Barbara Eby, Mary** and **Ann** being the daughters of the said **Theodorus**) of the one part, and **Hans Moser,** of Conestogo aforesaid, yeoman of the other part.

THEODORUS[1] EBY. Son of Bishop Jacob AEBI, Zurich, Switzerland.
B. April 25, 1663, in Canton Zurich, Switzerland.
M. ———— in Switzerland.
D. Prior to Feb. 20, 1734, in Lancaster County Pennsylvania.
M. ————
B. ————
D. ————
Father, ————
Mother, ————

EBY FAMILY

Name	Born	Died	Married	Spouse
Peter[2]	1690	About 1748		Barbara ————
John[2]				Unmarried
George[2]		Before 1760	About 1738	Barbara ————
Christian[2]	Feb. 12, 1689	Sept. 15, 1756		Elizabeth Mayer
Jacob[2]				
Barbara Bare[2]				
Barbara[2]				
Mary[2]				
Ann[2]				
David[2]	May —, 1701			Maggie Davis
Elizabeth[2]				Johannes Baehr



The Draught of a Tract of Land in Leacock Township which was Survey'd as I am informed by virtue of a warrant granted to Teeter Elrod begining at a White Oak at a corner of ye land of Sigmond Landert then North by ye same 3 perches to a stone yn W. by South by Peter Eby 17 P. to a hic &c. Divided into three parts as in the rough. Draft above Noted Sur^d or Divided ye 2^d. 4^m 1740.

P Sam. Lightfoot —

PETER EBY, SON OF THEODORUS EBY, REDEMPTIONER, MILLWRIGHT, MILLER, AND CONSTABLE, IN THE YEAR 1741 BECOMES A REAL ESTATE DEALER, AS A STUDY OF THESE VARIOUS SURVEYS AND DOCUMENTS WILL DISCLOSE.

On June 10th, 1741, Peter Eby receives this patent for 90 acres. Found among old rights, Harrisburg, Patent Book A, Volume IX, page 316. Plat of survey found among old rights, Harrisburg, Book C, Volume 185, page 193. See also plat of survey, Taylor manuscripts, Philadelphia, Book XII, Number 2566, 200 acres to Peter Eby. Both the 200-acre tract and the 90-acre tract adjoin the 213-acre tract of Sigmond Londus or Sigmond Landert.

John Penn Thomas Penn and Richard Penn Esquires. true and absolute Proprietary's and Gouvernours in Chief of the Province of Pennsilvania and Counties of New Castle Kent and Sussex on Delaware. To all unto whom these presents shall come Greeting WHEREAS by virtue of a Warrant under our Lesser Seal bearing date the nineteenth day of January in ye year of our Lord 1733. There was surveyed & laid out on ye twenty sixth day of ye same month unto Teter Elrood of ye **County of Lancaster** two hundred & eighty six acres & one hundred & thirty five perches of land SITUATE in **Leacock Township** in the sd. County under certain conditions in the said Warrant mentioned which conditions not having been complied with by the said Teeter Elrood the said Warrant and Survey made in pursuance thereof are become utterly void as in any by the said Warrant remaining in our Survey. Generals Office relation being thereunto had does manifestly appear. AND WHEREAS afterwards in and by a Warrant under the Seal of our Land Office bearing date ye twenty ninth day of November last past upon application made to us by **Peter Eby** of the sd. County We required our Surveyor General to accept and receive a survey on ninety acres & one hundred & three perches, PART of the sd. tract of two hundred & eighty six acres & one hundred & thirty five perches, & to make return thereof into our Secretary's Office for the use & behoof of the said **Peter Eby** which survey being accepted by our Surveyr. General and by him duly returned into our Secretary's Office the same is situated and bounded as followeth vizt. BEGINNING at a post at a corner of the John Schwob's land and extending thence by the same south one hundred perches to a post thence by the same land and by land of Jno Limeberg east one hundred and nineteen perches to a post thence by Jno Limeberg's & Jacob Snevely's land north one hundred & sixty seven perches to a black oak thence by Jno Stump's land west fifty one perches to a post thence by Sigismund Landret's land south sixteen degrees east fifty three perches to a hickery tree and west by south eighty four pches to ye place of beginning CONTAINING ninety acres & one hundred and three pches and an allowance for roads & highways proportional to six acres P Cent as in and by the survey thereof may appear. Now at the instance & request of the said **Peter Eby** that we would be pleased to grant him a Confirmation of the same KNOW YE that in consideration of the sum of fourteen pounds one shilling lawful money of Pensilvania to our use paid by the said **Peter Eby** (The receipt whereof we hereby acknowledge & thereof do acquit & forever discharge the said **Peter Eby** his heirs and assigns by these presents) And also of ye yearly quit rent hereinafter mentd. & reserved. WE HAVE given granted released & confirmed and by these presents for us our heirs and successors do give grant release & confirm unto the said **Peter Eby** & his heirs the said ninety acres and one hundred & three pches of land as the same is now set forth bounded & limited as aforesd. With all mines minerals quarries meadows marshes savanahs swamps cripples woods underwoods timber & trees ways waters water courses liberties profits comodities advantages hereditamts. and appurtenances whatsoever to the sd. ninety acres & one hundred & three pches of land belonging or in any wise appertaining & lying within the bounds & limits aforesd. (Three full & clear fifth parts of all Royal Mines free from all deductions & reprisals for digging & refining ye same Also one fifth part of ye ore of all other mines deld. at ye Pits mouth only excepted & hereby reserved) AND also free leave right and liberty to & for the said **Peter Eby** his heirs

& assigns to hawk, hunt, fish and fowl in and upon the hereby granted land & premises or upon any part thereof To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said ninety acres and one hundred & three perches of land & premes hereby granted (Except as before excepted) with their appurtenances unto the said **Peter Eby** his heirs and assigns to the only use and behoof of the sd. **Peter Eby** his heirs and assigns forever. To BE HOLDEN OF us our heirs & successors Proprietaries of Pensilvania as of our Mannor of Conestogo in the county of Lancaster aid. in free and common soccage by fealty only in lieu of all other services. YIELDING AND PAYING therefore yearly to us our heirs and successors at ye Town of Lancaster in the sd. County at or upon the first day of March in every year from the first day of March last past one half penny sterling for every acre of the same or value thereof in Coin Current according as ye Exchange shall then be between our said Province and ye City of London to such person or persons as shall from time to time be appointed to receive the same. AND in case of Nonpayment thereof within ninety days next after the same shall become due that then it shall & may be lawful for us our heirs and successors our and their receiver or receivers into and upon the hereby granted land & premes to reenter & the same to hold & possess untill the sd. quit rent & all arrears thereof together with the charges accruing by means of such nonpaymt & reentry be fully paid and discharged. IN WITNESS whereof the said Thomas Penn by virtue of ye powers & authorities to him granted by the said John and Richard Penn & of his own right hath caused the Great Seal of the sd. province to be hereunto affixed at Philada. this **Tenth day of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & forty one.** the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of KING GEORGE the Second over Great Britain &c. And the twenty third year of our Government. THO PENN (SEAL)

Recorded the 11th June 1741.

PETER[2] (Theodorus[1]).

B. ——— 1690, in Canton Zurich, Switzerland.
M. ———
D. Between Aug. 17, 1848 and Dec. 13, 1850, in Earl Twp., Lancaster Co., Penna.

M. Barbara (———)
B. ———
D. ———
Father, ———
Mother, ———

Name	Born	Died	Married	Spouse
Christian[3].....				
Jacob[3].....	July 18, 1728	May 23, 1794	Jan. 15, 1753	Hannah Laterin
Peter[3].....				Annie Roland
Henry[3].....				
Abraham[3].....	Nov. 24, 1735	Jan. 8, 1815		Barbara ———
Isaac[3].....				
Barbara[3].....				John Bander
Ann[3].....				John Heller
Doorst[3].....				
Martin[3].....				
John[3].....				Mary Gerber

PETER EBY, SON OF THEODORUS EBY, ON AUGUST 17th, 1748, MADE HIS LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT, AND DIED SOON AFTERWARD. HIS WIDOW MARRIED A SHORT TIME AFTER THE DEATH OF PETER EBY. FOR A CONSIDERATION OF 250 POUNDS, ON DECEMBER 13th, 1750, BARBARA, FORMER WIDOW OF PETER EBY, AND HANS DEWALD LICHTY, HER HUSBAND, SIGN A RELEASE RELINQUISHING THEIR CLAME IN THE PROPERTY OF THE SAID PETER EBY. THIS RELEASE INCLUDES A LIST OF THE MINOR CHILDREN OF SAID PETER EBY.

To All People to whom these presents shall come, **Hans Dewald Lichty** and **Barbara** his wife, late **Barbara Ebey**, widow and Reclict of **Peter Ebey** late of **Earl Township**, in the **County of Lancaster, miller**, deceased, send Greeting. Whereas the said **Peter Ebey** by his last Will and Testament duly made and published under his hand and seal bearing date the **seventeenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred forty eight**, did among other things Give Devise and Bequeath in the words or to the effect following (that is to say) First, I give and bequeath to my loving wife **Barbara** One Hundred Acres of the Land belonging to the **Mill Tract** and the housing that is on the said Hundred Acres, and if she choses not to marry but to live single with her children, but if she marry the same is to be disposed at the Discretion of my Executors as they think fitting for the benefit of my children until they come of age to enjoy it themselves, and likewise I give and bequeath to my wife **Barbara** the third of all my estate and of his said Will appointed Martin Graaff and Abraham Riff Executors as in and by the said last Will and Testament remaining on Record in the Prerogative Office at Lancaster may more fully and at large appear.

Now know ye that the said **Hans Dewald Lichty** and **Barbara** his wife for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred and twenty five pounds of current lawful Money of Pennsylvania to them or one of them in hand paid or secured to be paid by Abraham Bare and Michael Sharer, Guardians of **Jacob Ebey, Peter Ebey, Henry Ebey, Abraham Ebey, Isaac Ebey, Barbara Ebey** and **Ann Ebey, Doorst Ebey, Martin Ebey** and **John Ebey**, minors, Children of the said **Peter Ebey**, deced. on the perfection hereof the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge and thereof acquit and discharge the said Abraham Bare and Michael Sharer their Heirs, Executors & Admrs. have granted, remised, released and forever quitclaimed and by these presents for themselves and each of them their and each of their heirs Exrs. and Admrs. do fully, freely and absolutely grant, release, remise and forever quitclaim unto the said Abraham Bare and Michael Sharer and the survivor of them for the use and benefit of the said minors their heirs, Exrs. and Admrs. all the estate, right, Title, Interest, claim, Challenge and Demand whatsoever, both in law and equity which they the said **Hans Dewald Lichty** and **Barbara** his wife or either of them, or either of them ever had or may, can or shall have of in to or out of all and singular Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments of the said Peter Ebey, deceased or any Bequest, Legacy or decice made or intended to be made given, bequeathed or devised in or by the said recited Will or which they or either of them are, is or may be Intitled to in Right of the said deceased and all dower and thirds arising or growing due to the said **Barbara** wife of the said **Hans Dewald Lichty** out of all or any of the estate of the said deceased, to be and enure to the use and benefit of the said children their Heirs, Exrs. and Admrs. forever.

In Witness Whereof, the said Hans Dewald Lichty and **Barbara** his wife have hereunto put their hands and seals the **thirteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty.**

Sealed and delivered in the presence of us.
The words (**Doorst Ebey, Martin Ebey** and **John Ebey**) being first interlined.
thoms Long

his
Hans Dewald Lichty (L. S.)
mark
her
Barbora B Lichty (L. S.)
mark

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF PETER EBY, SON OF THEODORUS EBY, AUGUST 17th, 1748. THIS PETER EBY WAS BORN IN CANTON ZURICH, SWITZERLAND, IN 1690, AND CAME TO LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, IN 1712.

In the Name of God, Amen!

I Peter Ebey of Earl township, in the County of Lancaster, miller, being very uncertain of life or death, doe think fit to make this my last will and testament, in manner following.

And first I give and bequeath to my first wife's children, fifty pounds to be taken out of my esteate. It is my will that mu just debts, being first paid out of the whole, and the rest and residue I give and bequeath in manner following. First, I give and bequeath to my loving wife Barbre, one hundred acres of the land belonging to the mill tract, and the housing that is on the said hundred and if she chuses not to marry, but to live single with her children, but if she marry, the same is to be disposed att the discretion of my executors as the think fitting for the bennefit of my children untill the come of age to enjoy itt themselves, and ligwise give and bequeath to my wife Barbre, the third of all my estate. Ane ligwise I give and bequeath to my oldest son Christian Ebey, the mill and two hundred acres of land belongin to the mill, witch I desire to be prised and every one to have an eaquel shear, to be delivered amoungst my children, only if Christian chuses to pay the children thire part to keep the land and mill, according to preisment, otherways, if he chuses is eaquel part in money another may have it. others witch chuses it and a I ligwise nominate and appoint Martain Groff, and Abram Riff, both in Earl Township, and Lancaster County afforesaid to be my only and the sole exucittores of this my last will and testament. Hereby revoking all former wills by me maid, and d declare this to be my last will and testament. Ii Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, deated this seventeenth day of August, in the year our Lord God 1748

PETER EBEY.

Signed, sealed, and delivered in
the presents of us. mark

Christian Eby, Henry S. Shiver, James Love.

JACOB EBY, SON OF PETER EBY, AND GRANDSON OF THEODORUS EBY, OBTAINS AN ORDER OF THE ORPHANS' COURT, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APRIL 9th, 1755.

Upon the Petition of Jacob Abey second son of Peter Abey, deceased, to this Court setting forth: That the said Peter Abey made his last Will and Testament and Devised a part of his Real Estate, but as to other part died Intestate, and Praying the Court to appoint Persons to value the Real Estate of the said Decedent of which he died Intestate. That he the Petitioner may, (if his eldest Brother will not,) on payment of the respective shares of the other Children of the Decedent, hold the Land of which his said Father died Intestate. It is considered by the Court and Ordered that Emanuel Carpenter, Christian Wenger, Gabriel Carpenter, George Line, Richard Owen & John Bare, or any four of them, do value and appraise the real Estate of the said Decedent whereof he died Intestate, and make return thereof in writing under their hands to the next Court. And whereas it is further set forth in the said Petition, that the said Peter Eaby, deceased, directed a part of his Real Estate to be appraised, which he devised to his Son, Christian, and praying that persons might be appointed by the Court to value and appraise the same. It is further ordered by the Court, that the said Emanuel Carpenter, Christian Wenger, Gabriel Carpenter, George Line, Richard Owen & John Bare, or any four of them, do value and appraise the said last mentioned part of the said decedents Real Estate, and make return thereof also in writing, under their hands, to the next Court.

JACOB EBY, SON OF PETER EBY, AND GRANDSON OF THEODORUS EBY, WITH HANNA (LATER IN), WIFE OF SAID JACOB EBY, ON JULY 4th, 1755, GRANT 150 ACRES, WITH SAWMILL AND GRISTMILL, A PORTION OF THE 307 ACRES SURVEYED FOR DORIS EBYS (THEODORUS EBY), ON AUGUST 24th, 1724, TO MICHAEL RHYNE.

Three generations of the Eby family having owned it, three generations of the Rine family succeeded, then the Roland family, and at present the Hoover family owns the mill site. This document discloses that the estate of Peter Eby consisted of at least 250 acres appraised at 650 pounds, 100 acres appraised at 240 pounds, and 200 acres appraised at 400 pounds, a total of 550 acres appraised at 1,290 pounds. According to family tradition, this Peter Eby was sold as a bond servant. To pay his passage across the Atlantic, and his brothers, John and George, also were redemptioners. Lancaster County Courthouse, Deed Book D, page 406.

THIS INDENTURE,

Made the Fourth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty-five, BETWEEN **Jacob Eaby**, the second son of **Peter Eaby**, late of **Earltown**, in the County of Lancaster, & Province of Pennsylvania, deceased, & **Hanna** his wife of the one part, AND **Michael Rhyne** of the Township, County, and Province aforesaid, of the other part.

WHEREAS, the Honourable Proprietaries of this Province did grant and confirm unto the said **Peter Eaby**, Decd. (inter alia) a certain tract of land situate on **Mill Creek in County of Lancaster** & Province aforesaid, Bounded and described, as in and by their certain Patent mentioned as by the same bearing date the fifteenth day of January, Anno Dom. 1744 and entered the Rolls Office for the City and County of Philadelphia in Patent Book A. Voll 11 Page 457 &c. the 31st. of January 1744/5 may fully appear. AND WHEREAS, **Peter Eaby** died, being at the time of his death rightfully seised in fee of the said Lands & premises (with diver others) and having before his death first made his last will and testament in writing and therein devised a part of his real estate as follows, to wit: One Hundred Acres, part of said tract to **Barbara** his wife during her widowhood & no longer and the remaining part of said tract, Together with the **saw Mill and Grist Mill** thereon erected, he the said decedent devised to his eldest son **Christian Eaby**, subject to several payments to the other sons and daughters of the Decedt. to be paid to the M in even and equal Portions as the said Lands and Premises should be afterwards appraised; and as to the other part of his real estate the said Peter Eaby died intestate. AND WHEREAS, the said **Christian Eaby** refusing to comply with the terms and conditions in said Will and Testament nor pay the respective shares as in and by the same obliged. WHEREUPON the above named **Jacob Eaby** at an Orphans Court at Lancaster for the County aforesaid the ninth of April, Anno Dom. 1755 before Emanuel Carpenter, Robert Thompson and William Gevon Esquires, Justices for said County, preferred a petition praying that fit persons might be appointed to value and appraise the said real estate as well that part devised to the said **Christian Eaby**, as also the part of said real estate whereof the said Decd. died intestate, and it was then and there ordered by the Justices aforesaid, that Emanuel Carpenter, Esquire aforesaid, Christian Wenger, Gabriel Carpenter, George Line, Richard Owen & John Bare or any four of them should value and appraise all and singular the real estate of the said deedt. and make return thereof to the same Court under their hands; and the said Emanuel Carpenter Esqr. Christian Wenger, Gabriel Carpenter, George Line, Richard Owen & John Bare before the said Justices in the same Court returned, that pursuant to said Order of Court they had valued and appraised two hundred and fifty acres part of said real estate at six hundred and fifty pounds and a messuage, and one hundred acres of land being the part devised to **Barbara** the widow and relict of the said Deedt and taken from the first above recited tract, valued and appraised at two hundred and forty pounds and the residue being the same two hundred acres together with the **Grist Mill & Saw Mill** that was devised to **Christian Eaby** of aforesaid, the appraised and valued at four hundred

pounds all amounting to twelve hundred and ninety pounds and it likewise appearing to the same Court that Hans Dewalt Lichty and **Barbara** his wife, late **Barbara Eaby** the widow and relict of the said **Peter Eaby** Deced. had released their share of said real estate to Abraham Bare and Michael Sharer in consideration of the sum of Two Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds to be paid them by the said Abram Bare & Michael Sharer and the same was purchased for the use and behoof of the children of the said decedent over whom the said Abram & Michael were appoynted Guardians, And Whereas the said **Christian Eaby** still refused to comply with the terms nor hold the said lands under the payment of the respective shares according to the valuation as aforesaid. Whereupon, it was then and there considered and ordered by the Justices aforesaid, that the said **Jacob Eaby** upon paying and securing the respective shares of the other children of the Decedt. shall hold and enjoy the **whole real estate** of his said father, **Peter Eaby,** Deed. in fee according to an Act of General Assembly in such case made and provided. And Whereas, the said **Jacob Eaby** hath accepted and complyed with all and singular the terms aforesaid and according to an Order of the same Court & by the Justices aforesaid made for the distribution of said real estate, hath paid or secured all & every the respective shares as well of the said relict as also of the rest of the children of the said **Peter Eaby,** deceased, as by the several records and proceedings of the same Court, reference to the same and the above mentioned last will and testament being had may more fully and at large appear, so that the said **Jacob Eby** is now by vertue of the premises seised in fee of an **absolute Estate of Inheritance** of in and to the Lands and premises above mentioned.

Now This Indenture Witnesseth, that the said **Jacob** and **Hannah** his wife for and in consideration of the sum of Four Hundred and Seventy-Five Pounds lawful money of the Province to them in hand paid before the enscaling and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said **Jacob Eaby** and **Hannah** his wife therewithal fully content & paid and the said **Michael Rhyne** his heirs, executors, administrators and every of them thereof acquit and discharge forever, hath granted, bargained & sold, aliened, remised, released, enfeoffed and confirmed and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, allien, remise, release, enfeoff and confirm unto the said Michael Ryne and to his heirs and assigns.

All that certain Part or Parcel of the above described Lands & Premises Bounded and described, Beginning at a Poplar Tree **on the brink of Mill Creek** and thence extending by other lands of the said **Jacob Eaby** South forty-seven degrees east twenty-six perches and an half to a white oak and South eighty-three degrees east one hundred and forty-one perches to a post and thence by lands of Jacob Bare and Michael Grable respective by North two degrees west ninety-nine perches to a post; thence by the said Michael Grable's Land South eighty-eight degrees West twenty-four perches to a post and North twelve degrees west sixty-eight perches to a White Oak; thence by Martin Hoover land South eighty-eight degrees West, one hundred and forty-four perches and an half to corner post; thence by lands of Andreas Saldenrich South two degrees East one hundred and fifty-one perches to a post; thence by other lands North eighty-eight degrees East seven perches **to a post in the middle of said Mill Creek** and thence up the middle of said Creek about fifteen perches and thence by the same ten perches to the place of Beginning. Containing One Hundred and Fifty Acres and the usual allowance of six Acres pr Ct. all and singular the above mentioned and described Lands, Hereditaments and Premises with all the houses, Buildings, improvements, **Saw-Mill and Grist Mll** and all the orchards, gardens, meadows, fields, woods, waters, water courses, rents, issues, profits and appurtenances, and all and singular the estate or estates, revertion and remainder, right, title, interest, use, liberty, property, claim and demand whatsoever to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining. Together with free liberty & privilege of that certain Spring in and upon the other lands of the said **Jacob Eaby** and free ingress, egress and regress by a foot path most convenient to the said **Michael Ryne** or his assigns for using and carrying water from the said Spring.

To have and to hold the said above mentioned & described lands and mill hereditaments and premises hereby granted, bargained & sold or mentioned so to be with their and every

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their appurtenances to him the said Michael Ryne and to his heirs or assigns to the only proper use, benefit & behoof of him the said Michael Ryne and to his heirs or assigns forever, Subject Nevertheless to the proportionate part of the yearly quit rents from henceforth to become due or payable to the Chief Lord of the fee thereof.

And the said **Jacob Eaby** and **Hannah his wife**, doth further grant promise and agree that they and each of them their heirs, assigns & every of them the said **Michael Ryne** his heirs or assigns in the quiet and peaceable possession of the premises against all manner of person to the same lawfully claiming shall warrant and forever defend by these presents and shall sign, seal and execute or cause to be made and executed all such further and other reasonable acts, deeds, devices or assurances either in law or equity howsoever as by the same Michael Ryne his heirs or assigns or as by his or their Council in the law shall be reasonably advised, devised or required, for the further & more perfect granting, conveying, confirming & assuring the premises with their appurtenances to him the said **Michael Ryne** and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In Witness Whereof, the said **Jacob Eaby** and **Hannah his wife** hath hereunto set their hands and seals respectively the day & year first above mentioned.

Signed, sealed and delivered — Jacob Eby (L. S.)
in the presence of — her
German signature — Hannah ⟨ Eby
Nathan Lightner — mark

JACOB[3] EBY, (Peter[2], Theodorus[1]).

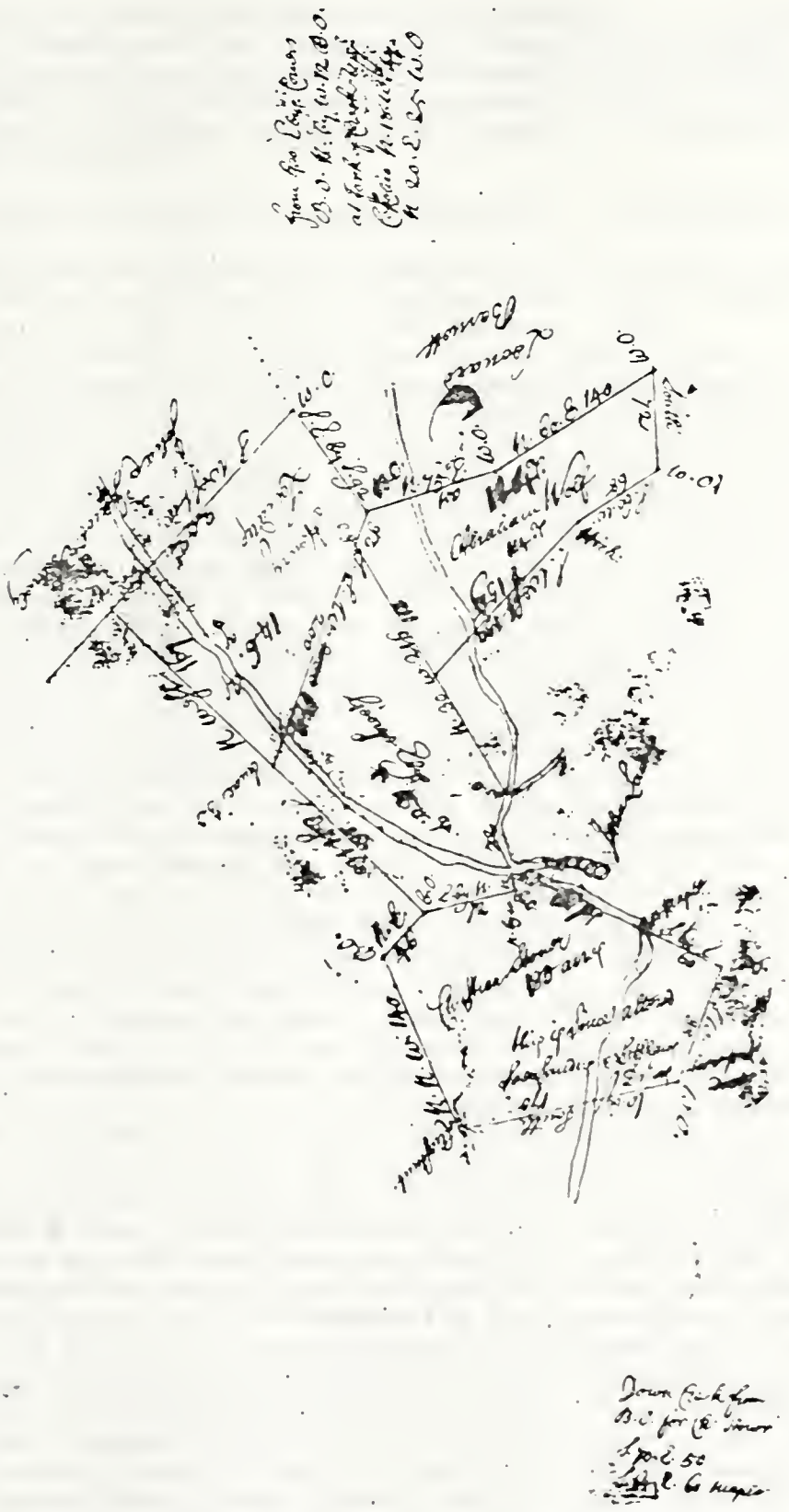
B. July 18, 1728, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.
M. Jan. 15, 1753
D. May 23, 1794, Buried at Eby Cemetery Monterey, Lancaster Co., Penn.

M. Hannah (LATERIN)
B. Oct. 5, 1733
D. Oct. 10, 1810, Buried at Eby Cemetery, Monterey, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Father, ————
Mother, ————

EBY FAMILY

Name	Born	Died	Married	Spouse
Anna[4]	Nov. 27, 1753			
Peter[4]	Feb. 18, 1755	Jan. 11, 1835		Maria
Joseph[4]	Oct. 5, 1758	July 30, 1821		
Daniel[4]	Dec. 15, 1760	May 8, 1819		Anna Steinerin
Christian[4]	April 15, 1763			
Elizabeth[4]	Sept. 3, 1765			
Benjamin[4]	Nov. 30, 1767	1850		Sarah Baer
Magdeline[4]	Aug. 4, 1770			
Barbara[4]	Feb. 30, 1773			
Jacob[4]	Nov. 9, 1776	Feb. 14, 1842	1799	Susanna Miller



CHRISTIAN EBY, SON OF GEORGE EBY, AND GRANDSON OF THEODORUS EBY, ON OCTOBER 16th, 1760, RECEIVES A PATENT FOR 150 ACRES, SURVEYED ON JANUARY 24th, 1733, FOR HIS FATHER, GEORGE EBY, ON HAMMER CREEK, WARRICK TOWNSHIP, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNA. FOUND AMONG OLD RIGHTS, HARRISBURG, PENNA., PATENT BOOK AA, VOLUME I, PAGE 104.

PATENT TO CHRISTIAN EBY, GRANDSON OF THEODORUS EBY.

Thomas Penn and Richard Penn, Esquires, true and absolute Proprietaries & Governors in Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania and Counties of New Castle, Kent & Sussex, on Delaware: To all unto whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS, in pursuance of a Warrant under the lesser Seal of our said province Dated the **Eighth day of January One thousand seven hundred and thirty three** there was surveyed on the **twenty fourth day of January** aforesaid unto **George Eby** A CERTAIN Tract of Land situate in **Warrick Township** in the County of Lancaster BEGINNING at a marked white oak on a branch of Conestogo Creek thence by vacant land and land of Abraham Wolf north thirty degrees west two hundred and sixteen perches to a marked Black Oak thence by land of Henry Landus south south west One hundred and seventy four perches to a marked Black Oak thence by vacant land south east one hundred and sixty perches to a marked black Oak thence by land of Christian Stoner east by north seventy two perches to a marked black Oak and north by west twelve perches to a marked black Oak on the aforesaid Branch of Conestogo Creek thence up the same on the several courses thereof seventy two perches to the place of Beginning CONTAINING one hundred & fiity acres and the usual allowance of six P Cent for Roads & Highways As by the same Warrant & Survey remaining in our Surveyor Generals Office and from thence certified to our Secretaries Office may appear AND WHEREAS the said **George Eby after erecting a Mill** and making divers Improvements on the said Tract of Land **Died** seized and possessed thereof **Intestate leaving Barbara his Widow** & issue vizt. **Christian, George, John** & **Barbara** AND WHEREAS the said **Christian Eby** eldest son and heir of the first named **George Eby** after the Decease of his said Father applyed to the Orphans Court at Lancaster and on his petition for that purpose exhibited and by and with the mutual consent of the said **Barbara his mother** and Christian Myley the Guardian lawfully constituted and appointed of the said **George John** and **Barbara** the younger & minor Children of the said Intestate, obtained a fair valuation of the said Tract of Land & Improvements and on return thereof and paying or giving security for the purpartyes & shares of his said Brothers & Sister of & in the said appraised value of the said land and improvements **And also to George Redland Barbara his Wife late the Widow of the said Intestate** for her Dower & Thirds therein it was ordered by this Court that the sd. **Christian** should hold the sd. **Mill and Lands** as fully & amply as his said late Father held the same on his having complied with the Directions of the Act of Assembly relating to the Premisses as by the proceedings of the sd. Court & several Releases for the Shares of the **sd. Barbara the Mother and Brothers & Sister of the said Christian Eby** now produced more fully appears

Now KNOW YE at the Special Instance & Request of the said **Christian Eby** and for and in Consideration of the Sum of twenty three pounds five shillings, lawful Money of *Pennsylvania*, to our Use, paid by the said **Christian Eby** (the Receipt whereof we hereby acknowledge & thereof do acquit and forever discharge the sd. **Christian Eby** his Heirs & Assigns, by these Presents) and of the yearly-Quit-rent hereinafter mentioned and reserved, WE HAVE given, granted, released, and confirmed, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, Do give, grant, release and confirm unto the said **Christian Eby** his Heirs and Assigns the said One hundred fifty acres of Land, as the same are now set forth, bounded and limited as aforesaid; with all Mines, Minerals, Quarries, Meadows, Marshes, Savannahs, Swamps, Cripples, Woods, Underwoods, Timber and Trees, Ways, Waters, Water Courses, Liberties, Profits, Commodities, Advantages, Hereditaments, and Appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining and lying within the Bounds and Limits aforesaid, (Three full and

clear Fifth Parts of all Royal Mines, free from all Deductions & Reprisals for digging &c refining the same; and also One-Fifth Part of the Ore of all other Mines, delivered at the Pit's Mouth, only excepted and hereby reserved,) and also free Leave, Right and Liberty to and for the said **Christian Eby** his Heirs & Assigns, to hawk, hunt, fish & fowl, in and upon the hereby granted Land and Premises or upon any Part thereof; To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said one hundred and fifty acres of Land & Premises hereby granted, (except as before excepted) with their appurtenances, unto the said **Christian Eby** his heirs and Assigns to the only Use and Behoof of the said **Christian Eby** his Heirs and Assigns forever: TO BE HOLDEN OF US, our Heirs and successors, Proprietaries of *Pennsylvania*, as of our Manor of Conestogo in the County of Lancaster aforesaid, in free & common Socage by Fealty only, in Lieu of all other services: YIELDING & PAYING therefor yearly unto us, our Heirs & Successors, at the Town of Lancaster in the said county, at or upon the First Day of *March* in every year, from the First Day of *March*, last One half penny Sterling for every Acre of the same, or Value thereof in Coin-Current, according as the Exchange shall then be between our said Province & the City of *London*, to such Person or Persons as shall, from time to time, be appointed to receive the same. AND in case of Non-payment thereof within Ninety Days next after the same shall become due, that then it shall & may be lawful for us, our Heirs and Successors, our & their Receiver or Receivers, into and upon the hereby granted Land & Premises to re-enter, and at the same to hold and possess until the sd. Quit-rent, and all Arrears thereof, together with the Charges accruing by Means of such Non-payment & Re-entry, be fully paid and discharged.

WITNESS James Hamilton Esquire Lieutenant Governor of the sd. province, who, by Virtue of certain Powers & Authorities to him for this Purpose (*inter alia*), Granted by the said Proprietaries hath hereunto set his Hand, and caused the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed at *Philadelphia* this sixteenth day of October in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and sixty the thirty fourth Year of the Reign of King George the Second over Great Britain, &c. and the forty third year of the said Proprietaries Government.

James Hamilton (L. S.)
Recorded ye 17th October 1760

GEORGE[2] EBY (Theodorus[1])

B. ———— in Canton Zurich, Switzerland.
M. ————
D. Prior to Oct. 16, 1760

M. Barbara (————)
B. ————
D. ————
Father. ————
Mother. ————

EBY FAMILY

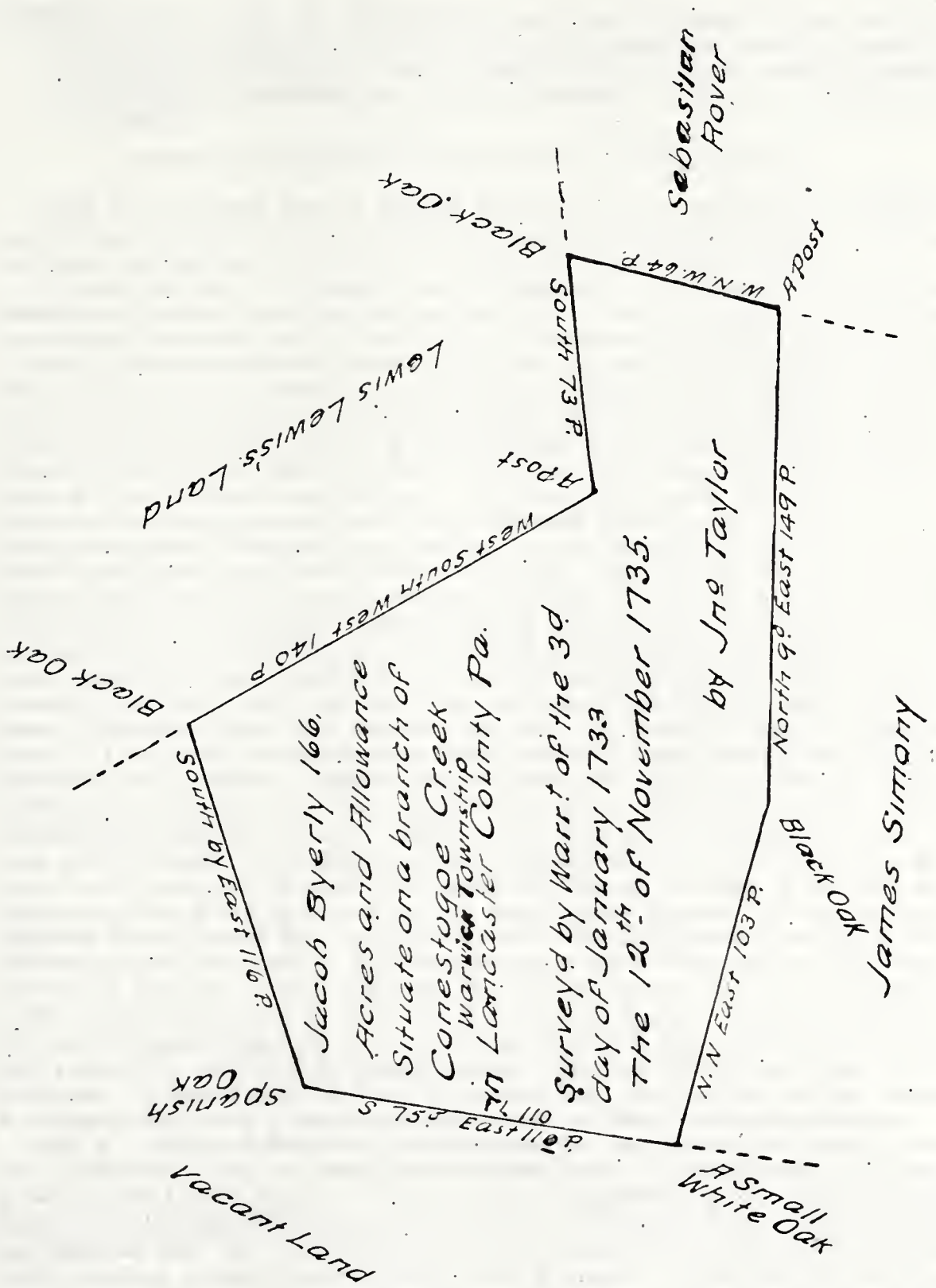
Name	Born	Died	Married	Spouse
Christian[3].....				
George[3].....				
John[3].....				
Barbara[3].....				

Oct. 16, 1760

Christian Eby one hundred and fifty Acres of Land situate in Warwick Township, in the County of Lancaster Surveyed to his Father George Eby by Warrant of the eighth of January 1733 whose right is now vested in his said Son Christian Interest and Quitrent to Commence Six Months after the date of Warrant

By order of the Secretary

To Settle and pay.


Sebastian Rover
Black Oak
W. N. W. 64 P.
A Post
South 73 P.
Lewis Lewis's Land
A Post
West South West 140 P.
Black Oak
South by East 116 P.
Jacob Byerly 166
Acres and Allowance
Situate on a branch of
Conestogoe Creek
Warwick Township
Lancaster County Pa.
Surveyd by Warrt of the 3d
day of January 1733
The 12th of November 1735
by Jno Taylor
North 9° East 149 P.
Black Oak
James Simony
N. N East 103 P.
Spanish Oak
S 75° East 110 P.
Vacant Land
A Small White Oak

CHRISTIAN EBY, SON OF THEODORUS EBY, ON NOVEMBER 12th, 1746, RECEIVES A PATENT FOR 236 ACRES ON HAMMER CREEK, NOW IN ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNA. FOUND AMONG OLD RIGHTS, HARRISBURG, PENNA., PATENT BOOK A, VOLUME XII, PAGE 451.

PATENT TO CHRISTIAN EBY, SON OF THEODORUS EBY.

John Penn, Thomas Penn & Richard Penn, Esqrs, true and absolute Proprietaries and Governors in Chief of the Province of Pennsilvania and the Counties of New Castle, Kent and Sussex, on Delaware. To all unto whom these Present shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS, by virtue of a warrant under the lesser Seal of our Province bearing date the **third day of January in ye Year of our Lord 1733** a survey of a Certain Tract of Land containing one hundred & sixty six acres situate on the western Branch of Conestogoe Creek in Warwick Township within the County of Lancaster was made unto Jacob Byerly of ye said County under certain conditions in ye said Warrant mentioned which conditions not having been complied with by the said Jacob Byerly the said Warrant & survey made in pursuance thereof are become utterly void As in and by ye said Warrant remaining in our Surveyor General's Office Relation being thereunto had does manifestly appear. AND WHEREAS afterwards in & by a Warrant under the seal of our Land office bearing date ye thirtieth Day of October last upon application made to us by **Christian Eby** of ye sd. County or Surveyor General was required to accept & receive into his Office the survey of ye said Tract of Land and to make return thereof into our Secretary's Office for ye use and behoof of the said **Christan Eby,** which survey being accordingly accepted by our Surveyor General and by him duly returned into our Secretary's Office, the bounds and limits thereof are therein set forth and described to be as follows vizt. BEGINNING at a small White Oak marked and from thence extending by James Simony's land north north east one hundred and three perches to a marked Black Oak & north nine degrees east one hundred and forty nine perches to a post thence by Sebastian Royer's Land west north west sixty four perches to a marked Black Oak thence by Lewis Lewis's land south seventy three perches to a post and west south west one hundred & forty perches to a marked Black Oak thence by vacant land south by east one hundred & sixteen perches to a marked Spanish Oak & south seventy five degrees east one hundred & ten perches to ye place of beginning CONTAINING as afd. One hundred & sixty six acres with ye allowance of six acres per Cent for Roads & Highways AND WHEREAS in pursuance and by virtue of a Warrant of ye **twenty third day of December in ye Year 1743** there was surveyed & laid out on ye Fourteenth day of October then next following unto ye sd. **Christian Eby** a certain Tract of Land situate in Warwick Township and County afd. bounded and described as follows vizt. BEGINNING at a marked Black Oak and from thence extending by other land of ye sd. **Christian Eby** south by east One hundred & ten perches to a marked Spanish Oak thence by vacant land south fifty four degrees west seventy one perches to a marked Spanish Oak thence by Jacob Crevars Land north fifty four degrees west fifty eight perches to a post thence by George Poorman's land north fifteen degrees west seventy six perches to a marked white oak thence by Lawrence Hoff's land east north east one hundred & ten perches to ye place of beginning CONTAINING seventy acres & allowance as aforesd.

Now at ye Instance & Request of ye sd. **Christian Eby** that we would be pleased to grant him a Confirmation of ye two herein before described Tracts of Land amounting in ye whole to two hundred & thirty six acres KNOW YE That in Consideration of ye Sum of thirty six pounds eleven shillings and six pence, lawful Money of *Pennsilvania*, to our Use, paid by the said **Christian Eby** (the Receipt whereof we hereby acknowledge and thereof do acquit and forever discharge ye said **Christian Eby** his Heirs & Assigns, by these Presents) and of ye yearly-Quit-rent hereinafter mentioned and reserved, WE HAVE given, granted, released and confirmed, & by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, Do give, grant, release & confirm unto the said **Christian Eby** and to his Heirs & Assigns, the said Two hundred & thirty six acres of Land, as the same are now set forth, bounded and described as aforesd;

with all Mines, Minerals, Quarries, Meadows, Marshes, Savannahs, Swamps, Cripples, Woods, Underwoods, Timber and Trees, Ways, Waters, Water Courses, Liberties, Profits, Commodities, Advantages, Hereditaments, and Appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining and lying within ye Bounds & Limits (Three full and clear Fifth Parts of all Royal Mines, free from all Deductions and Reprisals for digging & refining the same & also One-Fifth Part of ye Ore of all other Mines, delivered at ye Pit's Mouth, only excepted and hereby reserved), and also free Leave, Right and Liberty to and for the said **Christian Eby** his Heirs & Assigns, to hawk, hunt, fish and fowl, in and upon the hereby granted Land and Premises or upon any Part thereof; To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Two hundred and thirty six acres of Land & Premises hereby granted (except as before excepted) with their appurtenances, unto ye said **Christian Eby** & his Heirs, to the only Use and Behoof of the said **Christan Eby** his Heirs & Assigns forever: 'To BE HOLDEN OF US, our Heirs and Successors, Proprietaries of *Pennsilvania*, as of our Manor of Conestogo in ye said County of Lancaster, in free and common Socage by Fealty only, in Lieu of all other Services: YIELDING AND PAYING therefor yearly unto us, our Heirs and Successors, at ye Town of Lancaster in ye said county, at or upon the First Day of *March* in every year, from the First Day of *March*, last past One half penny Sterling for every Acre of ye same, or value thereof in Coin-Current, according as the Exchange shall then be between our said Province & ye City of *London*, to such Person or Persons as shall, from time to time, be appointed to receive ye same. AND in case of Non-payment thereof within Ninety Days next after ye same shall become due, that then it shall and may be lawful for us, our Heirs and Successors, our and their Receiver or Receivers, into & upon the hereby granted Land & Premises to re-enter, and ye same to hold and possess until the said Quit-rent, & all Arrears thereof, together with ye Charges accruing by Means of such Non-payment & Re-entry, be fully paid and discharged.

WITNESS George Thomas Esqr Lieutenant Governor of ye said province, who, in pursuance & by Virtue of certain Powers and Authorities to him for this Purpose (*inter alia*), Granted by the said Proprietaries hath hereunto set his Hand, & caused ye Great Seal of ye said Province to be hereunto affixed at *Philadelphia* this twelfth day of November in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & forty six the Twentieth Year of the Reign of King George the Second over Great Britain, &c. and the Twenty ninth Year of the said Proprietaries Government.

Geo. Thomas (SEAL)
Recorded the 12th November 1746

CHRISTIAN[2] (Theodorus[1]).
B. Feb. 12, 1698, in Switzerland.
M. ————
D. Sept. 15, 1756, on Hammer Creek, Elizabeth Twp., Lancaster County, Pa.
M. Elizabeth (MAYER)
B. ————
D. Dec 12, 1787
Father, ————
Mother, ————

EBY FAMILY

Name	Born	Died	Married	Spouse
Bishop Christian[3]	Feb. 22, 1734	Sept. 14, 1807		Catherin Bricker
John[3]	Sept. 28, 1737	1794		Rebecca Hershey
Barbara[3]	Dec. 14, 1740	May 27, 1816		Jacob Hershey
Peter[3]	Nov. 11, 1742	Nov. 24, 1819		
Anna[3]	Jan. 4, 1745	Jan. 30, 1826		Christian Staufer
Andrew[3]	Jan. 11, 1747	Aug. 15, 1830		
George[3]	Dec. 11, 1748	June 10, 1800		Barbara Sensenig
Elizabeth[3]	Aug. 12, 1751	Jan. 21, 1835		Jacob Hershey
Samuel[3]	Dec. 20, 1752	Mar. 28, 1824		
Michael[3]	Dec. 29, 1755			

BISHOP CHRISTIAN[3] (Christian[2], Theodorus[1]).

B. Feb. 22, 1734
M. ————
D. Sept. 14, 1807. Buried in Family Grave Yard, Hammer Creek, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Catherin (BRICKER)
B. ————
D. ————
Father, ————
Mother, ————

EBY FAMILY

Name	Born	Died	Married	Spouse
Elizabeth[4]	Mar. 13, 1762	Aug. 19, 1832		Joseph Bucher
Christian[4]	Oct. 16, 1763	Aug. 27, 1824		Veronica Hershey
Bishop Peter[4]	Oct. 14, 1765	April 6, 1843		Margaretta Hess
John[4]	Oct. 23, 1767	May 25, 1845		Mary Witwer
Andrew[4]	Oct. 27, 1769	May 12, 1809		Elizabeth Stauffer
Catherine[4]	Oct. 30, 1771	Mar. 4, 1856		Abram Barkholder
Barbara[4]	April 27, 1774	Mar. 13, 1843		Joseph Schneider
Anna[4]	Sept. 9, 1777	April 25, 1829		Jacob Wissler
George[4]	Sept. 30, 1779	Mar. 13, 1793		
Maria[4]	Nov. 4, 1781	April 9, 1783		
Bishop				First, M. Brubacher
Benjamin[3]	May 2, 1785	June 28, 1853		Second, M. Erb
Maria[4]	Oct. 12, 1787	April 16, 1864		Jacob Brubacker

BISHOP PETER[4] (Bishop Christian[3], Christian[2] Theodorus[1])

B. Oct. 14, 1765.
M. July 1788
D. April 6, 1843

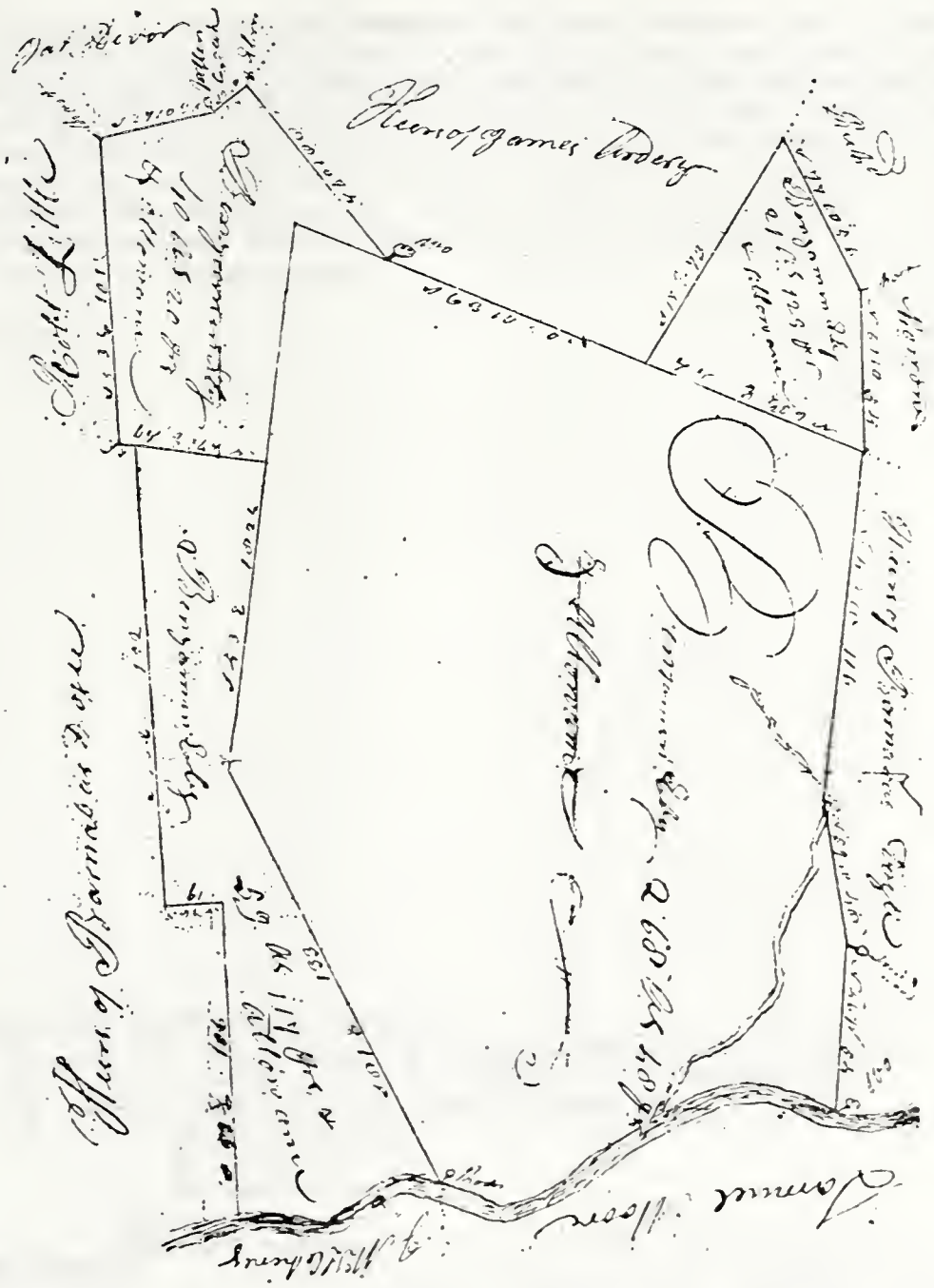
M. Margaretta (HESS)
B. Oct. 7, 1764
D. Feb. 14, 1846
Father, ————
Mother, ————

EBY FAMILY

Name	Born	Died	Married	Spouse
Petre[5]	April 5, 1791	Sept. 13, 1855		Elizabeth Weaver
Susan[5]	May 7, 1793	Aug. 10, 1879		David Hoover
Christian[5]	Aug. 27, 1795	Feb. 5, 1877		Rebecca Witwer
Barbara[5]	Aug. 28, 1799	Feb. 3, 1865		John Stauffer
Anna[5]	Dec. 15, 1800	Feb. 29, 1896		Abraham Hershey
John[5]	Mar. 12, 1802	Sept. 6, 1847		Anna Roop
Henry[5]	July 11, 1804	Nov. 1, 1888		Susan Sensenig
Elizabeth[5]	June 12, 1807	May 31, 1897		Jacob Hershey
Maria[5]	April 20, 1809	Feb. 13, 1888		Daniel Wanner

BENJABIN EBY (1767-1850), GREATGRANDSON OF THEODORUS EBY, WITH HIS WIFE, SARAH (BAER), AND THEIR BABIES, IN 1802 WENT WEST INTO THE WILDERNESS OF PATH VALLEY, FANNETT TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA. HAVING ACQUIRED A LARGE PLANTATION, IN 1830 HE DISPOSES OF 59 ACRES AND 327 ACRES.

This indenture, made the first day of December, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty, between **Benjamin Eby** and **Sarah, his wife**, of **Fannette Township** and **County** of **Franklin**, and State of Pennsylvania, **farmer**, and **Sarah his wife**, of the one part, and **Jacob Eby**, of the Township of Clark, and County of Mifflin, and state aforesaid, **farmer**, of the other part, witnesseth, that the said **Benjamin Eby** and **Sarah his wife**, for and in consideration of the sum of **Six Thousand Dollars**, Lawful money, of the state aforesaid, to him in hand paid by the said **Jacob Eby** before the sealing and delivery hereof, the receipt and payment whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath granted, bargained, sold, enfeoffed, released and confirmed, and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell and enfeoff, release and confirm in fee simple unto the said **Jacob Eby** his heirs and assigns forever, all the following described tracts of land situated, lying and being in the township and County aforesaid, to which the lands the said **Benjamin Eby** has obtained two patents, the first date the 13th day of March in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Nine and called "**Eabysburg**". Beginning at a white oak by-lands of the heirs of **Barnibus Doyle**, North fifty-three degrees west, one hundred and fifty-two perches to a white oak, south thirty-six degrees west, nineteen perches to a white oak, north fifty-three degrees west, one hundred and six perches to a white oak through Spring Run, thence along the same on the several courses and distances ninety perches to a thorn, thence by land now of **Benjamin Eby** south eighty-one degrees east, one hundred and thirty-three perches to a white oak, south forty-three degrees, east one hundred and two perches to a post and north forty-seven degrees and a half east, forty-three perches and a half to the beginning containing **fifty-nine acres** one hundred and seventeen perches and allowance which is part of a larger tract conveyed by **John Elder** to **John Elder Jr.** who by deed dated the **first of April 1802** conveyed the same to the said **Benjamin Eby**. Relation to said patent will more fully appear. The other patent dated One Thousand Eight Hundred and Nine, April the 13th, called **Dungawen**. Beginning at the Spanish Oak on a branch of Tuskerora Creek, thence down the same on the several courses by land of Samuel Moore, one hundred and fifty perches and four-tenths to a hickory, thence by land to **Benjamin Eby**, south eighty-one degrees, east one hundred and eighty-three perches to a white oak, south forty-three degrees, east one hundred and three perches to a post, north forty-seven degrees and a half, east forty-four perches to a white oak, thence by lands of the heirs of **Barnibus Doyle** south fifty-two degrees and a half, east one hundred perches and a half to a chestnut, thence by land of **Robert Little**, south twenty five degrees and a half, west thirty-two perches and a half to a post, thence by vacant land south five degrees east, eighteen perches to an elm, thence by land of James Ardory, north fifty-eight degrees and a half, west seventy-five perches and a half to a white oak, south sixty-three degrees, west ninety-five perches and a half to a post, south seventeen degrees, east seventy-three perches and a half to a hickory, thence by lands of **Richard Morrow**, north seventy-seven degrees, west fifty-six perches to a post, north fifty-one degrees, west fifty-four perches to a Spanish oak, thence by land of the heirs of Barnibus Doyle, north forty-three degrees, west west one hundred and sixteen perches to a white oak, north fifty-seven degrees, west forty-eight perches to an ironwood, and north sixty-four degrees, west fifty-four perches to the beginning containing **three hundred and twenty-seven acres**, seven perches and allowance of six per cent, etc. Recourse to said patent will more fully appear, and the above named **Benjamin Eby**, for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators, do forever warrant and defend the above described tracts of land from him and all under him, together, with all and singular the improvements, ways, woods, edifices, buildings, water, water courses, rights, liberties, privileges, heredetiments and appurtanences whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversions, rents, issues, and profits thereof, and also all the estate, right, title, interest, or personal property, claim and



The Draft of four several tracts of Land in Farmer Township Franklin County Renaveyed for Benjamin Eby: Dec 24th 1808 by

J. N. Morrison

demand whatsoever of him, the said **Benjamin Eby** either in law or equity, or otherwise, howsoever, of in, to, and out of the same. To have and to hold the said described tracts of land heredetiments and premeses hereby granted, bargained and sold with the appertanences unto the said **Jacob Eby**, his heirs and assigns to and for the only proper use and behoff of him, the said **Jacob Eby**, his heirs and assigns forever, the said **Benjamin Eby**, his heirs and assigns, all and every other person claiming or to claim by, from, and under him, them, or any of them, shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents. In witness whereof the said **Benjamin Eby** and **Sarah his wife** have hereunto set their hands, and seals the day and year first above written.

BENJAMIN EBY

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SARAH + EBY
mark

BENJAMIN[4] (Jacob[3], Peter[2], Theodorus[1]).

B. Nov. 30, 1767, in Leacock Tp., Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.
M. ———— in Leacock Tp., Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.
D. ————, 1850, in Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

M. Sarah (BAER)
B. ————
D. Sept. 21, 1842
Father, ————
Mother, ————

EBY FAMILY

Name	Born	Died	Married	Spouse
Joel[5]	April 6, 1793	Mar. 28, 1861		Elizabeth Grush
Susanna[5]	June 19, 1791	Feb. 17, 1848		Adam Grouse
George[5]	April 2, 1795	Jan. 6, 1882	Mar. 2, 1819	Susannah Lutz
Jacob[5]	Dec. 25, 1798	Oct. 20, 1856	First	Mary Myers
Henry[5]			Second	Catherine Long
				Rachel Rhodes
John[5]	June 15, 1803	May 20, 1866		Elizabeth Myers
			First May 30, 1821	Rachel Elder
Benjamin[5]	Mar. 24, 1801	Oct. 29, 1867	Second, 1832	Rebecca Smith
Sarah[5]				John Garver

BENJAMIN EBY (1767-1850) SON OF JACOB EBY (1728-1794) GRANDSON OF PETER EBY (1690-ABOUT 1748) AND GREAT GRANDSON OF THEODORUS EBY (1663-ABOUT 1732) WITH HIS WIFE SARAH (BAER) AND THEIR BABIES, IN 1802 LEFT LEACOCK TOWNSHIP, LANCASTER COUNTY, AND SWARMED OUT WEST INTO THE WILDERNESS OF PATH VALLEY, FANNETT TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, PENNA. THERE, HE ACQUIRED A LARGE PLANTATION, OF MORE THAN FOUR HUNDRED ACRES.

THIS INDENTURE made this first day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two, by and between **John Elder of Fannett Township, Franklin County and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**, and **Jane his wife** of the one part, and **Benjamin Eaby** of Montgomery Township, County and State aforesaid of the other part; Witnesseth that whereas the said **John Elder** had granted unto him a certain small tract or parcel of land in **Fannet Township** aforesaid by Warrant, dated the **6th day of March, 1802,** which land he the said **Elder** formerly held by improvement. Now this Indenture Witnesseth, that he the said **John Elder** and **Jane his wife,** hath granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain, and sell, release and confirm unto him the said **Benjamin Eaby,** his Heirs and assigns, all the said tract of land with the appurtenances, for and in consideration of, the sum of **one hundred and fifty-eighth pounds** seventeen shillings money of this State, to them in hand paid, before the ensealing and delivering of these presents, the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge and themselves therewith satisfied and paid, said land being butted and bounded as follows (viz.) Beginning **at a poplar a corner of said Elder's other land,** thence by said lands, South fifty-four degrees, west thirty-two and a half perches, to a white oak, thence by **John Ardery's** land South eighty-five and a half degrees East seventy-five and a half perches, to an elm and South sixty and three-fourths degrees, East forty-six perches to a chestnut oak, and North fifty-two and three-fourths degrees, East sixteen and a half perches to a hickory, and South sixty-nine and three fourths degrees, East sixty-one and a half perches to a post, on a line of a tract of land belonging to the heirs of **Barnabas Doyle** thence by land of **Robert Little** North fifty-five and a fourth degrees, West thirty-two perches to a chestnut oak and North sixty-nine and a half degrees, West ninety-two perches, to a post, and North twenty-five and a half degrees East thirty-two and a half perches to a chestnut, and North fifty-two and a half degrees, West one hundred perches and a half to a white oak, thence by **John Elder's** other land South forty-seven and a fourth degrees, West forty-four perches to a post, and South forty-two and a half degrees, East seventy-nine and a half perches to the place of Beginning, containing **forty-five acres, and forty-nine perches** and allowance of six per cent &C be the same more or less. To have and to hold the said described premises and appurtenances unto the said **Benjamin Eaby** his Heirs and Assigns and to the only and proper use and behoof of him the said **Benjamin Eaby,** his Heirs and Assigns forever. And they the said **John Elder and Jane his wife,** from and against themselves, their Heirs, and from and against all manner of persons, whatsoever lawfully claiming the same, to the said **Benjamin Eby** his Heirs and Assigns, will warrant and forever defend, subject only to the reservation of a fifth part of all gold and silver ore for the use of this State. In Testimony whereof the said **John Elder and Jane his wife,** have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first above written.

John Elder and Jane his wife, have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first above written.

John Elder Sen. (SEAL).

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence of James Hays, Mattais ziths.

Jane Elder (SEAL).

Received the sum of one hundred and fifty-eight pounds seventeen shillings, being in full of the within consideration money of the within mentioned **Benjamin Eby** given under our hands and seals the **first day of April 1802.**

John Elder Sen (SEAL).
Jane Elder (SEAL).

Witness present, James Hays, Mattais ziths.

Franklin County SS. Before me John Widney one of the Justices of the peace, personally came the within named John Elder and Jane his wife and being examined, they do acknowledge the within Instrument of writing to be their act and deed, and desires it may be recorded as such in the Office for recording of Deeds in said County given under my hand and seal the first day of April, 1802.

John Widney (SEAL).

A true copy taken from the original the 16th April, 1806.
Recorded in Deed Book, Volume 7, Page 195.

BENJAMIN ABY (1801-1867), SON OF BENJAMIN EBY (1767-1850), ON MAY 17, 1845, RECEIVES A DEED FOR 40 ACRES ON WALNUT CREEK, MILLBROOK TOWNSHIP, PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS. THIS BENJAMIN ABY WAS BORN IN LEACOCK TOWNSHIP, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNA., MARCH 24th, 1801, AS BENJAMIN EBY, SON OF BENJAMIN EBY (1787-1850). HE WAS BURIED IN ROCHESTER CEMETERY, MILLBROOK TOWNSHIP, PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS BENJAMIN ABY. HE IS DESIGNATED IN THE GENEALOGICAL CHARTS AS BENJAMIN EBY-ABY (1801-1867).

FILED MAY 19th, 1845.

Know All Men by these Presents that We **Major R. Lewis** and **Hannah Lewis** of **Peoria County** and **State of Illinois**, in consideration of **Four hundred dollars** to us paid by **Benjamin Aby Sen.** of the county of **Huntingdon, & State of Pennsylvania**, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have given granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents do give grant, bargain and sell unto the said **Aby** his heirs and assigns, a certain tract or parcel of Land lying and being in the County of Peoria and State of Illinois, bounded and described as follows to wit—Commencing at a stake fifty links South of the North East corner of the North West quarter of the South East quarter of Section Six (6) in township Eleven (11) North of the base line and range Five (5) East of the fourth (4) principal meridian, thence South (64) Sixty four degrees West Eleven (11) chains and seventy five (75) links to the **Bank of Walnut Creek** four (4) chains South of the North line of sd Lot thence South along the bank of sd Creek to the South Line of sd lot—thence East on the Line of sd Lot to the South East corner of said Lot—thence North on the line of sd Lot to the place of beginning containing Twenty (20) Acres—Also,

The West half of the North East quarter of the North East quarter of section Six in township Eleven (11) North of the base line & range Five east of the fourth principal Meridian containing Twenty (20) Acres and lying East and joining the first described Twenty acres making in all forty acres conveyed in this deed.

Together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining to have and to hold the sd premises as above described with the appurtenances unto sd **Benjamin Aby Sen.** his heirs and assigns forever.

And **Major R. Lewis** and **Hannah his wife** for themselves & their heirs do hereby covenant and agree with the said **Benjamin Aby Sen.** that they will & their heirs executors and administrators shall warrant and defend the same premises to the said **Benjamin Aby. Sen.** and his heirs and assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whomsoever.

In Testimony Whereof the sd **Major R. Lewis** and **Hannah his wife** have hereunto set their hands and Seals this **17th day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and forty five.**

Signed Sealed and Delivered — MAJOR R. LEWIS (SEAL)
in Presence of — HANNAH LEWIS (SEAL)
Z. H. Phelps
C. L. Webster

State of Illinois
Peoria County

I Therrygood Smith Justice of the Peace in & for the sd County do certify that on this day appeared before me Major R. Lewis and Hannah his wife whose names appear signed to the foregoing conveyance and who are personally known to me to be the identical persons who signed the same and acknowledged that they had executed the same as their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed And Hannah wife of the sd Major R. Lewis having been by me examined separate and apart from her said husband acknowledged that she executed the same and relinquished her dower to the premises therein conveyed freely & without any compulsion of her sd husband.

AFFIDAVIT OF GEORGE HENRY ABY, YOUNGEST SON OF BENJAMIN EBY-ABY (1801-1867), DATED AUGUST 18th, 1884. RECORDED IN PEORIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, BOOK WD, PAGE 551. THE GENEALOGICAL CHARTS WILL DISCLOSE WHY HE WAS GIVEN THE NAME GEORGE AND THE NAME HENRY.

State of Illinois
Stark County SS.

George H. Aby being first duly sworn, on his oath says that he is a son of Benjamin Aby, deceased, late of Peoria County, Illinois, who died about the year 1868. That said Benjamin Aby senior left him surviving Rebecca Aby (who still survives) his widow, & the following children as his only heirs viz: Sarah J. Hamilton, wife of Alxr B. Hamilton, David Aby, John Aby, Elder Aby, Priscilla Yelm, wife of Anderson C. Yelm, Alexander Aby, Mary Rebecca Aby and this affiant George H. Aby. Also Laura Ann Aby, only child of Benjamin L. Abey, deceased, who was a son of Benjamin Aby Sen. Affiant further says that Benjamin Aby, Sen. died intestate.

GEORGE H. ABY.

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 18th day of August 1884.
(SEAL) MILES A. FULLER Notary Public.
Stark Co. Ills.

Recorded in Peoria County, Illinois, Book WD, page 551, September 8th, 1884, at 12:50 P. M.

BENJAMIN[5] EBY—ABY, (Benjamin[4] EBY, Jacob,[3] Peter,[2] Theodorus[1])

B. March 24, 1801, in Leacock TWP, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, as Benjamin EBY.
M. First, May 30, 1821, in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, as Benjamin EBY.
M. Second, ——, 1832, in Richland County, Ohio, as Benjamin ABY.
D. Oct. 29, 1867, Buried at Rochester, Peoria County, Illinois, as Benjamin ABY.

M. First, Rachel (ELDER) in Franklin County, Pennsylvania.
B. Feb. 14, 1801, in Franklin County, Pennsylvania.
D. ———, 1830, in Mifflin TP, Richland County, Ohio.
Father, David Elder, of Franklin County, Pennsylvania.
Mother, Sarah Jane (Alexander), of Franklin County, Pennsylvania.
M. Second, Rebecca (SMITH)
B. Dec. 13, 1803, ————
D. March 30, 1890, Buried at Rochester, Peoria County, Ill.

ABY FAMILY

Children of Benjamin[5] EBY—ABY (1801-1867) and Rachel (Elder).

Name	Born	Died	Married	Spouse
David[6]	Mar. 18, 1822	Aug. 2, 1902	Sept. 13, 1850	Almira Stackhouse
			First	
John[6]	April 5, 1824	Dec. 15, 1908	Oct. 20, 1845	Charlotte Southworth
			Second	
			Jan. 27, 1877	Irene E. Stanton
Sarah Jane[6]	Dec. 26, 1825		May 12, 1842	Alex. B. Hamilton
Elder[6]	Mar. 2, 1828	Dec. 7, 1910	May 17, 1848	Mary Ann Murphy
Alexander[6]	April 9, 1830	May 30, 1913	Feb. 18, 1850	Malvina Stanton

Children of Benjamin[5] EBY—ABY (1801-1867) and Rebecca (Smith).

Name	Born	Died	Married	Spouse
Priscilla[6]	July 1, 1833	Mar. 30, 1890	Aug. 3, 1854	Anderson C. Yelm
Benjamin E.[6]	Dec. 31, 1836	April 7, 1866	Feb. 26, 1861	Primah H. Bodine
Mary Rebecca[6]	Feb. 27, 1844		June 9, 1884	Nelson G. Mills
George Henry[6]	Sept. 23, 1851		Aug. 14, 1879	Julia L. Cramer

ALEXANDER[6] ABY (Benjamin[5] EBY—ABY, Benjamin[4] EBY, Jacob[3], Peter[2], Theodorus[1])
B. April 9, 1830, in Mifflin Twp., Richland Co., Ohio
M. Feb. 18, 1850, in Moline, Rock Island Co., Ill.
D. May 30, 1913, Buried at Galva, Henry Co., Ill.
M. Malvina (STANTON), Botanist and Pioneer School Teacher, Peoria Co., Ill.
B. March 1, 1826, in Rochester, New York
D. Sept. 15, 1904, Buried at Galva, Henry Co., Ill.
Father, Clark Whitcomb Stanton (1802-1851), Pioneer to Peoria County, Ill., 1834, Buried at Rochester, Peoria Co., Ill.
Mother, Amy Maria (Barnes) (1805-1856), Buried at Rochester, Peoria Co., Ill.
Paternal Grandfather, Clark Stanton (1776-1850), Buried at Italy Hill, Yates Co., New York
Paternal Grandmother, Innocent (———) (1780-1859), Buried at Italy Hill, Yates Co., New York
Maternal Grandfather, Timothy Barnes (1780-1873), Buried at Sheffield, Warren Co., Pa.
Maternal Grandmother, Betsy (Cole) (1783-1807), Buried at Prattsburg, Steuben Co., New York

Name	Born	Died	Married	Spouse
Jerome Benjamin[7]	Feb. 12, 1852	June 27, 1854		
Cora Malvina[7]	Jan. 22, 1854	Oct. 8, 1857		
Amy Stanton[7]	March 27, 1856	Oct. 27, 1857		
Arthur[7]	Dec. 21, 1858		First, April 13, 1881	Julia E. ——— Patty
			Second, Oct. 22, 1885	Jennette Pepperdine
Frederic[7]	Sept. 21, 1863	Aug. 6, 1864		
Franklin Stanton[7]	Feb. 9, 1865		Sept. 3, 1890	Alice Mary Cadwell
Charles Oliver[7]	May 12, 1867	Nov. 4, 1910		
Clark Benjamin[7]	April 15, 1871		July 22, 1896	Lillian Alfreda Nordstrom

ELEVEN GENERATIONS ON THE LINE OF THEODORUS EBY (1663-1732). BASED ON INFORMATION DERIVED FROM SWISS ARCHIVES, SWISS HISTORIES, COLONIAL RECORDS, COURT HOUSE RECORDS, FAMILY BIBLE RECORDS, AND GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTIONS.

———— (————) (————) and THEODORUS[1] AEBI
Trachselwald, Canton Zurich, Switzerland.

———— (————) (————) and BISHOP JACOB[2] AEBI
Ordained Bishop of the Swiss Mennonites, 1683, Zurich, Switzerland.

———— (————) (————) and THEODORUS[3] EBY
B. April 25, 1663, Canton Zurich, Switzerland.
Pioneer to Lancaster County, Penna., 1712.
D. About 1732, in Earl Twp., Lancaster County, Penna.

BARBARA (————) (————) and PETER[4] EBY.
B. 1690, in Canton Zurich, Switzerland.
D. About 1748, in Earl Twp., Lancaster County, Penna.

HANNAH (LATERIN) (1733-1810) and JACOB[5] EBY
B. July 18, 1728, in Lancaster County, Penna.
D. May 23, 1794. Buried in Eby Cemetery, Monterey, Lancaster County, Penna.

SARAH (BAER) (—1842) and BENJAMIN[6] EBY
B. Nov. 30, 1767, in Leacock Twp., Lancaster County, Penna.
D. 1850, in Franklin County, Penna.

RACHEL (ELDER) (1801-1831) and BENJAMIN[7] ABY
B. March 24, 1801, in Leacock Twp., Lancaster County, Penna.
D. Oct. 29, 1867. Buried at Rochester, Peoria, County, Illinois.

MALVINA (STANTON) (1826-1904) and ALEXANDER[8] ABY
B. April 9, 1830, in Mifflin Twp., Richland County, Ohio.
D. May 30, 1913. Buried at Galva, Henry County, Ilinois.

JENNETTE (PEPPERDINE) (1866-) and ARTHUR[9] ABY
B. Dec. 21, 1858, in Galva, Henry County, Illinois.

DORIS GERTRUDE (FARVEL) (1893-) and GEORGE PEPPERDINE[10] ABY
B. Sept. 11, 1886, in Galva, Henry County, Illinois.

THEODORUS[11] ABY
B. May 6, 1924, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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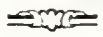

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NICKOLAUS EBI-EBY (1825-1898)

of

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY, WISCONSIN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

GREAT GREAT GRAND NEPHEW

of

THEODORUS EBY

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